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## ON HOUSE, SENATE FY 2018 BUDGET TALKS

# 'Critical areas need to be addressed'



## Co-defendant testifies in trial of Corrections officer

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A co-defendant testified yesterday for the government in the ongoing Superior Court bench trial of Corrections Officer Ray Anthony Maratita Camacho, who is facing charges for beating up an inmate at the Department of Corrections.

Corrections Officer Admisen Dasio Haddy, who entered a plea deal with the government, testified that Camacho twice slapped the face of inmate Ryan Cavalear as they were trying to take Cavalear out

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
Corrections Officer Ray Anthony M. Camacho walks outside the courtroom during a break Wednesday at his ongoing bench trial in the Superior Court. Camacho is on trial on charges that he beat up then-inmate Ryan Cavalear at the Department of Corrections on April 1, 2016.

» **DPS police director says Camacho used excessive force**

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Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said looking into the totality of the budget proposal submitted by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres would be their primary concern when he meets with House Ways and Means committee chair Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan).

Demapan is currently off-island as he attended the funeral of his mother-in-law in Majuro in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and is expected to return to Saipan next week.

"Once he [Demapan] returns, we're going to sit down and discuss the budget proposal. I just want to reach out to him so we could schedule a meeting," the Senate Fiscal Affairs committee head told *Saipan Tribune*.

"We need to see where the impact is. There's a significant change, an increase of 6 percent from last fiscal year's budget and this is the result of more business activity. We're mandated to make sure the money is spent wisely."

He said the health and life insurance of government employees, the settlement and judgments, and the govern-

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## Bishop encourages Catholic faithful to join trek to Tapochao

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Jimenez

All firm believers of the death of Jesus Christ are encouraged to join the annual Good Friday tradition of hiking up the highest peak on island to remember the death of Christ on the cross this morning.

The trek up Mt. Tapochao has been done for many years. Each year on Good Friday, one parish is designated to take the lead in

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Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd. continues to diversify its business ventures in the CNMI with its latest offering to the increasing tourism market, the Mariana Lounge.

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Syria	Sept. 20-21, 2014	47
Syria	March 20, 2011	47
Syria	March 20, 2003	47
Syria	Oct. 7, 2001	47
The Balkans	April 30-May 2, 1999	51
Sudan	Aug. 20, 1998	51
Sudan	Sept. 23-25, 1994	54
Sudan	June 18-21, 1993	54
Sudan	Jan. 13, 1993	54
Sudan	April 17-18, 1986	54
Sudan	Oct. 26-27, 1983	53

### NATION

Laying bare deep and dangerous divisions on Syria and other issues, President Donald Trump declared Wednesday that U.S. relations with Russia "may be at an all-time low."

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## Local

### Woman arrested for allegedly beating up 8-year-old boy

A 27-year-old woman was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly repeatedly slapping an 8-year-old boy on the face, punching his stomach, and on a separate occasion placing his finger on a heated hair straightener.

Kaylynn Jane Hebron Deleon Guerrero was arrested for child abuse or neglect and assault and battery.

A \$10,000 cash bail was imposed on her.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho set the preliminary hearing for April 20 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Deleon Guerrero. Assistant attorneys general Jonathan Wilberscheid and Betsy Weintraub appeared for the government.

Police Detective Buddy Igitol stated in his report that two police officers were dispatched to a child abuse complaint at a school in Kagman last Tuesday morning.

The officers observed the boy having a bruising around his left eye.

Through the school's principal, the officers learned that last Monday the boy rode a bus from school to a bus stop

in Kagman 2, where Deleon Guerrero picked him up.

While driving the car on their way to San Roque, Deleon Guerrero saw the boy sweating and she got angry and told him he was playing again. She then allegedly slapped the boy several times and punched him on the stomach.

Deleon Guerrero stopped the car at the abandoned La Fiesta Mall in San Roque, then told him to get down.

The boy expressed how afraid he was, after Deleon

Guerrero drove off, leaving him alone in the abandoned mall. The report did not mention whether the boy walked on his way home or he was picked up later.

Police arrested Deleon Guerrero at her residence on Tuesday afternoon.

Police said through the principal, the boy claimed that on a separate occasion, Deleon Guerrero would switch on a hair straightener to heat up the tool.

As the tool heated enough, Deleon Guerrero would switch it off, then take the boy's finger and place it on the tool's heated area. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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ERWIN ENCINARES

Marianas Baptist Academy coach and geography and history teacher Manuel Castro, center, supervises the school's Junior National Academic Team representing the CNMI during a study session.

## MBA represents CNMI in academic competition

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The Marianas Baptist Academy would be representing the CNMI in a nation-wide competition after the CNMI was inactive in the competition for several years prior to last year.

The Junior National Academic Championship, or JNAC, has invited MBA to represent the CNMI in the upcoming JNAC competition set from June 10 to 12 in Chicago.

The JNAC is a competition that focuses heavily on academics rather than popular culture and covers subjects such as math, history, geography, and science, to name a few.

The MBA team, which consists of five middle school members, consists of Christian Palattao, Joshua Alfred, Deancey Adrielle Chua, Joanah Jimenez, and Victoria Santos, who was assigned to be the team leader.

Jimenez will also represent the U.S. Pacific territories in the 2017 National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C. this coming May 14-17.

MBA coach and geography and history teacher Manuel Castro said the team's focus is of now is science, since it is the weakest subject of the team.

"They have study materials which they get their questions from. If a school really wants to win, they would have to spend [time and money]," explained Castro. "Since the books are expensive and the principal is not able to purchase all of the books, we are relying on other sources to prepare," he added.

Castro mentioned that the MBA team has solid mathematical understanding with Santos as the leader.

Santos said she was confident in the team's ability to tackle math and U.S. history questions.

"This is my second time to participate in a competition of this scale. I participated in last year's competition," said Santos.

Jimenez, another solid member of the group, mentioned that the team was particularly weak in science, technology, and physical education.

"The majority of us have different interests and it just so happened that [science, technology and physical education] weren't one of

those," she said.

In a letter dated Mar. 8, 2017, National Academic Association executive director Chris Beall formally invited MBA to participate in the 10th Annual JNAC.

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## Road upgrades to benefit 300 sugar cane farmers in Drasa

**LAUTOKA, Fiji**—Up to 50 sugar cane access roads with a total length of 42 kilometres in the Drasa sugar cane sector, on the outskirts of Lautoka, Fiji are being upgraded compliments of a FJD\$4.25 million partnership between the Pacific Community (SPC) and Fair Deal Earthmoving Contractors (FDEC) Limited and funded by the European Union (EU).

This was announced at the Rural Access Roads and Associated Infrastructure (RARAI) project dialogue seminar involving SPC as the implementing agency and key sugar cane industry stakeholders in Lautoka today.

“This project tackles a key challenge for farmers, in particular in more remote areas of Fiji by easing the transportation of sugar to the mills. The project has also an important social component, as it will provide employment for vulnerable groups of the population. It is therefore, an important element in the EU’s ongoing support to the sugar sector in Fiji,” said Delegation of the European Union for the

Pacific Acting Head of Cooperation, Jesús Laviña.

The upgrading works will ensure that around 315 sugar cane farmers will benefit from improved road access leading to a reduction in transportation costs between their farms and the main Queens Highway.

“FDEC will be undertaking road rehabilitation works under Phase I in Drasa. Road works have begun and is expected to be completed before the 2017 crushing season begins. Road transportation is a very expansive exercise in terms of time

and money during the harvesting season, hence this project attempts to mitigate this,” SPC Chief Adviser, Patricia Sachs-Cornish said.

The RARAI project is a EURO 13 million project funded under the 2013 Accompanying Measures for Sugar Protocol (AMSP) Programme, ‘Support to Sugar-cane Industry Programme’.

The project’s specific objective is to reduce social, economic and environmental vulnerability of farmers and mill workers impacted by sugar

reforms by improving the condition of cane access roads and associated infrastructure.

“Although the EU funded RARAI project will provide some transport relief for farmers during harvesting season, it is important that other stakeholders are actively involved to have meaningful long term benefits to the farmers and for the broader sugar industry,” said Sachs-Cornish.

“The project is working closely with the Fiji Sugar Corporation (FSC), Ministry of Sugar Industry (MoSI) and

other primary stakeholders in trying to address the transportation challenges for farmers. They are critical because they play leading roles in improving and sustaining good quality cane access roads and drain-

age systems across the sugar cane sectors,” she added.

Phase II will see the upgrading of around 38 kilometres of cane access roads and selected drainage in the same sector, beginning this April as well. (PR)



### OVERSIGHT HEARING

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors accompanied by the corporation’s management team face the CNMI House Public Transportation and Utilities Committee Tuesday at the joint Senate and House oversight hearing.

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## TRIAL

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from his cell on April 1, 2016.

Haddy said Camacho later asked him if he saw him slapping Cavalear’s face. Haddy said he replied “no” because he does not want to betray Camacho.

Haddy said prior to that, Cavalear was calling for his medication as he was in pain on the intercom and his voice was loud over the speaker.

He said Camacho and two other Corrections officers proceeded to Cavalear’s cell.

Haddy said Camacho was upset and was later exchanging profanities with Cavalear, who was then handcuffed behind his back and transported

to the booking section.

On their way to the booking section, Cavalear told Camacho and Haddy to stop because his spine hurts as he is an Army veteran and hurt his back during his military service.

Haddy said Camacho told Cavalear that he is not a veteran but a (expletive) virgin.

During cross-examination by defense counsel Colin Thompson, Haddy described the degree of force of Camacho’s slapping as a 5 or in the middle in the 1 to 10 scale.

Haddy said when he was holding the arms of Cavalear, he was not trying to dislocate or hurt his arms.

Haddy said he does not know whether Camacho’s in-

tent of holding the arms and slapping was to hurt the inmate.

Haddy said Cavalear was not cooperative and constantly moving around.

He agreed with Thompson that his purpose was to control and not hurt Cavalear.

Haddy also agreed with Thompson that it’s chaotic when someone was screaming and moving in a small room.

During assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley’s re-direct examination, Haddy said to his memory he saw Camacho slap Cavalear on the face.

Haddy said he was just telling the truth as Baisley told him.

After Haddy, Baisley called their last witness—Depart-

ment of Public Safety police director Pete Deleon Guerrero.

Deleon Guerrero testified that based on the video footage, he has not seen any resistance on Cavalear’s part and that in his opinion, Camacho used excessive force.

Deleon Guerrero, who is also currently on detail with CNMI Homeland Security, has been an instructor for local law enforcers, including Corrections officers, for several years. Among the lessons he teaches is the use of force policy.

Deleon Guerrero said would always emphasize during trainings to just use minimum force on the subjects to mitigate the incidents.

“Striking to the head, face, and spine, you cannot

do that as law enforcers,” he pointed out.

The police director said the use of minimum force is the guiding principle in the law enforcements.

He said law enforcers should not hit the subject everything on the head, including the neck.

Deleon Guerrero said subjecting a handcuffed subject to bend over during escort would create people’s harsh perception on police officers.

Shown by Baisley with one of footage when Camacho and Haddy were transporting Cavalear, Deleon Guerrero said the officers could dislocate the inmate’s shoulder.

Deleon Guerrero pointed to a portion in the video when Cavalear was already in much

pain and was screaming.

The police director said he did not see any resistance from Cavalear based on his body’s position and that the inmate was not even kicking.

Deleon Guerrero said when escorting he does not care what the subject was saying or shouting.

Cavalear testified that in his cell, Camacho put him down to the floor and put his (Camacho) weight on his back. He said he is about 130 lbs and that Camacho is possibly 300 lbs now.

There was no video footage in Cavalear’s cell, where the commotion started.

The trial will resume on Monday at 9am. Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo is presiding over the trial.

## CRITICAL

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ment’s other obligations are the other areas that need to be addressed.

Hoschneider said they would also verify with Finance [Secretary Larson] as far as the projection [of the budget] itself. We need to look at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and other obligations in utilities of the government.

Torres, however, informed the Legislature, through a letter sent last March 31, that CUC along with the Commonwealth Development Authority failed to submit their respective budget proposals

for fiscal year 2018 in time.

Hofschneider also mentioned that Public Law 19-83 or an act to enact a new base salary schedule and increase the salary ceiling for classified civil service government employees, and increasing the salaries of all elected officials is among the least of their priorities.

“The legislators’ salary increase, as far as funding sources is concerned, is the least of our priorities right now,” he said.

Torres, however, has allocated \$4,096,238.95 for PL 19-83 with \$1,245,158.22 for the implementation of Section 4, 1 CMC 8244 (b) for all mayors and Section 5, 1 CMC 1271 adjusting the salaries of each member of the Legislature to \$70,000

per annum.

The four municipal mayors would share the amount of \$150,665.22 with \$737,589 for the 20 members of the House of Representatives, while the nine Senators are allocated \$356,904.

Part of the funding for PL 19-83 is the implementation of the starting hourly wages for all civil service and ungraded employees from \$6.55 to \$7.25 per hour and the conversion of all civil servants to the new pay scale.

### Key areas

The expected government activities use \$150,114,119. The budget allocation for personnel amounted to \$71,692,008, while \$69,252,055 for other government obligations, and

\$4,316,012 for payment of utilities.

Education would get \$43,609,630 including \$36,465,094 for the Public School System, \$188,507 for the CNMI State Board of Education, \$4,877,353 for the Northern Marianas College, \$124,174 for the NMC Board of Regents, and \$200,000 for the CNMI Scholarship.

The government allocated \$15,950,394 for its health program with \$2,169,318 appropriated for CHCC and \$2,123,452 for Medical Referral. Medicaid reimbursements and health insurance are also included in the said amount.

The group health and life insurance for government employees is allocated \$14,104,057 a total of

\$10,877,000 would go to the retirees while the remaining amount of \$3,227,057 for the other employees.

Another \$1 million is reserved for outstanding judgments and settlement claims with Larson, the Finance Secretary, developing the payment plan in consultation from the CNMI Office of the Attorney General in the distribution of the funds.

### Budget proposal

Torres’ budget proposal is \$145,260,075 after adjustments made for debt service appropriations, earmarked funds, and other legal obligations. The Department of Finance, headed by Secretary Larrisa Larson, reported \$236,770,472 in gross budget-

ary resources.

The gross adjustment includes an allocation of \$45,000,000 for the CNMI Settlement Fund. In total, \$56,030,504 or 24 percent is set aside for the government’s legal obligations to the Settlement Fund.

The CNMI’s fiscal year 2018 budget increased by 6 percent or \$8,234,850 compared to the \$142.2 million in the previous fiscal year. The CNMI’s budgetary requests, however, exceeds by \$8,288,663.

The business gross revenue tax, income tax, excise taxes, and other taxes (hotel occupancy, bar, and beautification taxes) are the sources of the CNMI’s gross budgetary sources.





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# Senate committee seeks public comments

The Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Developments, and Programs is asking all concerned government agencies, businesses, and the general public to submit their comments on two Sen-

ate bills—SB 20-35 and 20-36—that would have a direct effect in the CNMI's current economic climate.

The said committee, chaired by Sen. Francisco M. Borja (R-Tinian), is currently re-

viewing both senate legislative measures.

The public comments would assist REDP committee members in making a decision whether to recommend for the passage of both bills before

the full Senate body. The comments' deadline is on May 9.

SB 20-35, introduced by Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), seeks to amend 1 CMC 2806 (c) that would increase the public land

lease terms for up to 40 years including an extension of 35 years; and to authorize existing public land leases to be amended to extend the existing lease term for 75 years.

The CNMI's economy, according to Palacios, has steadily grown for more than two years after an over 10-year period of stagnant and depressing activity.

"However, the driving economic forces that propelled the Commonwealth's prosperous economy in the 1990s no longer exist today. Therefore, the Legislature must utilize new and innovative ideas to attract new economic development and investors to the CNMI," wrote Palacios on the bill.

He added that by extending the lease term of public lands to 40 years and granting an extension of 35 years would generate renewed economic interest in the CNMI among investors.

"A longer leasehold term would further encourage lending by investment and financial institutions to finance major projects that would in turn create new job opportunities, and stimulate other economic activity in the Commonwealth."

Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) authored SB 20-36 that would regulate real estate transactions, brokers, and agents and requiring them to obtain real estate licenses by

adding Division 8 (Real Estate Law) to Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code.

Igisomar said the CNMI is currently experiencing renewed economic growth with new investors coming in to acquire real property to build various business establishments.

"[Like] hotels or other accommodations, waterparks, restaurants, shopping centers, and other commercial buildings. Other investors are acquiring property that have been previously leased 55 years," said Igisomar.

That's why, he added, it is now about time to regulate real estate transactions, brokers, and agents would level the playing field for all individuals or companies that engage in real estate activities.

"This unregulated real estate practice has resulted in reports of fraud and deception by persons acting as real estate brokers or agents. Many non-U.S. citizens and CW1 status foreign workers are also engaging in real estate transactions without business license and tax IDs, and not paying taxes for income they make from real estate deals.

Igisomar said all players, whether individuals or companies, negotiating or facilitating the sale or lease of properties are non-licensed brokers and agents that are not under any regulatory laws. *(Jon Perez)*



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# CPA files counterclaim vs GPPC over defective rehabilitation runway project

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority has filed a counterclaim against GPPC Inc., a contractor that is suing CPA for allegedly causing the company to incur \$39 million in damages over an airport runway rehabilitation project.

CPA, through counsel Robert T. Torres, filed a counterclaim complaint against GPPC for breach of contract, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, negligent construction, violation of the Consumer Protec-

tion Act, and fraud.

CPA asked the Superior Court to hold GPPC liable to pay damages, prejudgment and post-judgment interests, attorney's fees, and court costs. The agency demanded a jury trial.

According to Torres in the counter complaint, on Sept. 18, 2009, GPPC entered into a contract with CPA for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Runway 7/25 Rehabilitation project.

The project consisted of pavement rehabilitation for the Saipan International Airport Runway 7/25. This includes

the milling of the existing runway, blast pads and shoulder pavement, asphalt concrete overlay, grooving and marking of surfaces, the restoration of Taxiway "A," replacement of runway edge lights and guidance, and the installation of lighted wind cones.

On that same day, GPPC contracted with Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland for Fidelity to act as the surety for the required payment and performance bonds required by the contract.

Under the terms of the payment and performance bonds, Fidelity bounds itself to CPA

in the sum of \$12,488,800.

Under the terms of the bond, Torres said, Fidelity's obligation would be discharged if GPPC substantially and satisfactorily performed and fulfilled the contract and any amendments.

The project included a 120-calendar day mobilization phase that preceded any construction work in the field.

Torres said construction was also delayed due to the ongoing safety management system mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration prior to the start of any construction work.

Due to this delay, GPPC filed an original claim of around \$12 million. Hofschneider Engineering LLC negotiated the claim down to \$5.9 million.

Physical work on the project began in April 2010 starting with electrical work in the airfield.

Due to the pavement age, observed level of distresses, poor quality, and contaminated pavement surface, it was determined that the 2008 original design would not be adequate to effectively rehabilitate the runway.

Funding for the project is

provided under the FAA's airports improvement program.

On Nov. 1, 2012, the construction manager from Hofschneider Engineering brought GPPC's attention the concern that GPPC's work procedure with handling excess aggregate was causing roughness to the finished pavement, particularly when the final layer is grooved, which could potentially lead to rejection of the pavement.

GPPC agreed it would remove the excess aggregate during paving and would prepare the final layer of the pavement.

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ment to be evenly smooth.

Torres said GPPC provided faulty construction and failed quality control, resulting in defective pavement on the runway.

Torres said the pavement work provided by GPPC shows pavement distress and to this day continues to result in the presence of foreign object debris on the runway.

The lawyer said the testing performed on the distressed pavement has shown the pavement to be defective.

Torres said at the rate the pavement is now deteriorat-

ing and the pavement will not reach its intended minimum 20-year lifespan.

He said GPPC repeatedly attempted to shift blame onto CPA, arguing that Hofschneider Engineering is the agent and representative of CPA and therefore CPA is principally responsible for the defects relating to Hofschneider Engineering's directing of the project.

On the contrary, Torres said, Hofschneider Engineering took no part in directing any of the asphalt mix design or construction.

Torres said Hofschneider Engineering's role was simply one of the oversights to

see that the aspect plans and specifications set under the contract documents were met by GPPC and to ensure that GPPC's demands for progress payments were supported by the work actually performed.

Torres said under the contract documents, GPPC was required to repair defective work at no cost to CPA, but has refused to take responsibility and instead asserts that it should only perform patchwork repairs of certain areas of the pavement.

To date, Torres said, GPPC has not paid Mr. Takai of Takai & Associates for the work he performed for the project.

Torres said as a direct and proximate cause of GPPC's breach of the contract documents, CPA has been damaged by the amount of costs to repair the runway in the amount of \$20 million.

CPA, he noted, has been damaged by the continued deterioration of the runway as it goes uncorrected which exposes it to the possibility of the runway being declared unusable, which would adversely affect the entire CNMI given that the airport only has one permanent runway.

Torres said CPA is left with a runway that must be constantly monitored and inspect-

ed three times a day to address the presence of foreign object debris risk and is left with significantly shortened life for the runway.

CPA, he disclosed, has now learned that GPPC never secured additional coverage from Fidelity for the subsequent material changes to the work scope ordered by CPA.

GPPC, through counsel Mark B. Hanson, is suing CPA for declaratory judgment and breach of contract.

GPPC asked the Superior Court to issue a declaratory judgment that the additional work demanded by CPA was outside the scope of GPPC's contractual obligations under the contract documents.

GPPC requested the court to award the company a judgment in the amount of no less than \$38,998,240 for CPA's material breach of contract.

The plaintiff also demanded payment for incidental and consequential damages for CPA's material breach of contract plus prejudgment interest and court costs.

## US Marshals arrest on Saipan man wanted in S. Carolina since 2015

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The U.S. Marshals arrested yesterday on Saipan a man who was indicted in South Carolina for false statement and is wanted since 2015.

The U.S. Marshals served an arrest warrant on Tarell Darnell Murphy that was issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina on July 30, 2015.

According to court documents, the District of Carolina issued the arrest warrant against Murphy for failure to appear for initial appearance on a supervised release violation scheduled for July 21, 2015 at 10am.

According to an indictment, on March 2, 2015 in the District of South Carolina, Murphy "knowingly made a false statement in an application for a passport with intent to induce and secure for his own use the issuance of a passport."

In that application, Murphy allegedly assumed the identity of "Demetrius Rakim McIlwain," which identity he knew to be false.

Court documents did not indicate the specific place on Saipan where the defendant was arrested.

Attorney Bruce Berline was appointed as the defendant's counsel. An appearance hearing was set yesterday late afternoon before the U.S. District Court for the NMI, but was reset for today, Friday, at 11am, because of another hearing.



## Exciting things in store for PIC customers

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Dujua

Pacific Islands Club - Saipan has promotions, events, and other amenities in store

for its guests and loyal customers in the coming years. But just like a card player, they are keeping their cards close to their chest.

PIC web marketing manager Paul Dujua said their latest offering is an eat-four, get-one free promo at The Magellan. "This is for our lunch and dinner buffet, every Mondays to Saturdays where one eats free for every party of four."

"It is not meant for huge parties that's why for those groups who reserve the banquet, we also offer discounted rates. This is covered by a different promotion," added Dujua, who joined the PIC family in 2000.

The promo, however, has a maximum cap of 12 people and it is not applicable for huge parties, added F&B manager Rommel Bartolo. "There are some who make reservations for 24 people for example in a banquet."

"But when they learn about the promo they would try to request if they could avail of it by breaking into groups of four. We explain to them that they can't do that. As much as possible, we're trying to avoid this."

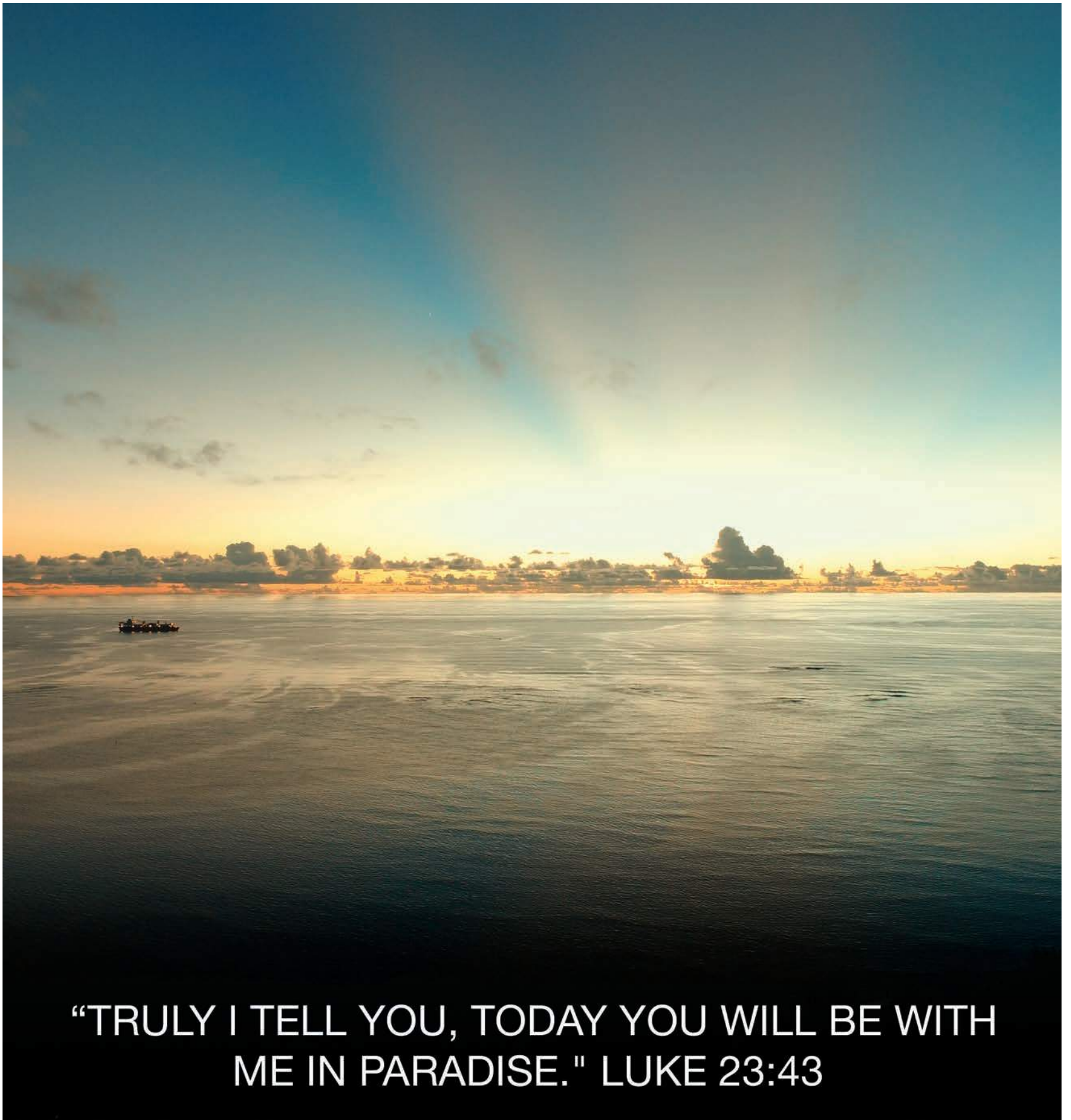
The Magellan is one of the largest restaurants on the island and it is considered PIC's flagship outlet where hotel guests, tourists, and local customers could enjoy a gastronomic feast featuring a wide selection of international cuisine during brunch and dinner buffets.

This is the reason why Dujua and Bartolo advise that those planning to eat at The Magellan make reservations first.

"We always recommend for our customers to make reservations since we're also very popular to local clients. You can't tell when are we going to have a full crowd. For Sunday, we're expecting around 600 to 700 guests," said Dujua.

"We always have a good crowd everyday and we're expecting to have another busy day this coming Easter weekend. There are already 300 who made their reservation early Wednesday, and our annex and Charley's Caba-

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ret had been reserved for private functions on Sunday," added Bartolo.

Their back-up plan, if The Magellan reaches its full capacity, is to set up extra chairs and tables outside the restaurant. One time, their customers reached 1,000 due to the 100 percent occupancy rate of their hotel.

### Future offerings

Dujua said PIC continues to also think of new things that would keep their regular customers coming back while attracting new ones in the process. "We also need to introduce new things, especially

now that there are other projects being developed in the south. Competition has also become stiff."

He said that children who would be waterpark guests on Sunday could join their Easter activities like Easter Egg decoration and Egg Hunt. PIC would also launch the inaugural SihekyMan Triathlon on June 3 that would replace the annual laser tag tournament.

Siheky Man is a regular triathlon event that would have a 1.5-kilometer swim, 40K bike, and 10K run.

Dujua said they are also upgrading their rooms but doing it gradually so they could still accommodate a good number of guests. New facilities and other amenities are also in the planning stages that could open within the year.

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In observance of Good Friday, both the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Landfill facilities will be closed on April 14, 2017. (PR)

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# Lawyer questions why Naraja continues to preside over CDA cases

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Development Authority is questioning why Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja has continued to preside over CDA cases considering that he is not only in dispute with CDA over \$300,000 in debt, but his close family has been involved in litigation over millions of dollars with CDA for decades.

CDA, through counsel Jennifer Dockter, asked Naraja to disqualify from all CDA matters to ensure the integrity of the judiciary.

Dockter asserted that Naraja's close family has an interest in the outcome of any similar CDA cases because the decisions the presiding judge renders could and likely would impact his family's litigation with CDA.

"The combination of factors at play between the presiding judge and CDA's cases creates just such an appearance of impropriety warranting his disqualification from all CDA matters," the lawyer said.

The CDA counsel stated that the necessity of the motion to disqualify was not known until very recently when Naraja failed to disclose a conflict of interest with CDA over \$300,000.

At the first appearance after the dispute arose, Dockter said, she inquired of Naraja to ensure he was actually aware of the events that arose between his wife, Frances, and CDA.

Dockter said Naraja indicated he was aware of the events leading to the conflict of interest.

Thereafter, the lawyer said, Naraja did not recuse himself and rather ordered CDA to file a motion to disqualify him or stated that it would not do so.

Dockter said Naraja has heard various cases involving CDA over the years and CDA did not object to his hearing the cases despite his immediate family's long-standing litigation against CDA because of the professional respect CDA gave Naraja that he would maintain the separation of his professional duties and his personal relationships.

However, Dockter said, the tide began to shift in 2014 and Naraja began to make decisions that were confusing and were in a manner inconsistent with previous litigation.

Despite this shift, the lawyer said, insufficient evidence existed to question the impartiality of the presiding judge, until last year when CDA suspected the presiding judge's family's interests may have impacted his judicial decisions in other CDA cases.

Once his impartiality was

questioned, CDA filed a motion to recuse the presiding judge.

Dockter said that motion to recuse was denied because the court held that CDA's motion was untimely.

Dockter said recent events have increased the conflict between Naraja and CDA to such an extent that his disqualification is required and Naraja has not seen fit to disqualify himself but rather has ordered CDA to engage in the delicate and thorny process of discussing the presiding judge's family's debts and financial interests publicly.

Dockter cited six cases involving Naraja's immediate family's litigation with CDA.

The first case is CDA's lawsuit filed in 1994 against Gloria Sablan and John T. Sablan for unpaid loans.

Gloria Sablan is the sister of Naraja's wife, and she and her husband, John Sablan, are the in-laws of Naraja.

Dockter said CDA obtained a default judgment against the Sablans in 2004, but proceedings have continued in this matter until the present day with CDA attempting to collect \$1.5 million owed as of Feb. 27, 2017.

When Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho recused himself from this case in August 2016 because of a conflict, Dockter said the case then sat with Naraja without assignment to a new judge for months.

This prompted CDA to write a letter to Naraja, as well as to Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, on Nov. 16, 2016 in hopes of having another judge appointed.

Twelve days later, Naraja assigned the case to Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio who immediately recused herself based upon a conflict.

Dockter said the case sat with Naraja again without action for another few months.

CDA again wrote a letter to Naraja and Chief Justice Castro on Feb. 23, 2016, in hopes of having another judge appointed.

By that time, Dockter said, some of CDA's attempts to collect on the judgment against Naraja's wife's sister and her husband had been pending for almost one year.

The second case is CDA's lawsuit filed in 2004 against couple Joaquin V. Guerrero and Esther Guerrero and their business, Island Security Services Inc. for unpaid loans.

Joaquin Guerrero is the brother of Naraja's wife.

CDA obtained a final judgment in November 2007, but proceedings have continued through present day with CDA attempting to collect on the judgment against

the Guerrero couple in the amount of \$583,832 as of March 15, 2017.

Dockter said that in December 2016, in an attempt to collect money long due to CDA, CDA applied for and received a writ of execution for any funds held in Bank of Hawaii related to Joaquin Guerrero.

Dockter said that, on Dec. 22, 2016, Bank of Hawaii sent a letter to CDA explaining that the bank received the writ of execution on the afternoon of Dec. 5, 2016 and while processing it but before they had seized the funds in question,

on the morning of Dec. 6, Naraja's wife, Frances, withdrew the funds in the form of eight cashier's checks, all in her name, plus \$6,093 in cash.

When Bank of Hawaii realized what had occurred, it immediately placed a stop payment order on the cashier's checks and contacted Mrs. Naraja asking her to promptly return the checks and cash.

Dockter said despite the request from the bank to return the money and checks, Mrs. Naraja attempted to negotiate one of the cancelled checks.

On Dec. 30, 2016, coun-

sel for CDA wrote a letter to Mrs. Naraja asking her to return the cash and checks and CDA would place the money with the court to permit the court to determine ownership of the funds.

Dockter said Mrs. Naraja did not return them and her counsel wrote a letter on Jan. 4, 2017, asserting that the money seized by CDA was in fact her property.

She said Mrs. Naraja also threatened possible lawsuit against CDA.

After obtaining a writ of execution to seize the currency

and cashier's checks from Mrs. Naraja, CDA successfully recovered the cashier's checks which CDA caused to be deposited with the court.

Dockter said the \$6,000 withdrawn by Mrs. Naraja was never recovered by Bank of Hawaii or CDA because it had been "dissipated" while in Mrs. Naraja's possession.

Dockter said Mrs. Naraja suggested additional legal disputes between Mrs. Naraja and CDA because of CDA's attempts to recover the money from her.

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Dockter said litigation between CDA and Mrs. Naraja and the in-laws is now a certainty.

The third case is CDA's lawsuit in 2004 against former

governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero, who was later substituted by the estate of Lorenzo I. Guerrero, and Matilde V. Guerrero for unpaid loans.

Lorenzo and Matilde Guerrero are Judge Naraja's father-in-law and mother-in-law.

CDA obtained two judgments totaling \$720,000.

Proceedings have continued through present day with CDA attempting to collect on the judgments.

In June 2009, CDA applied for a writ of execution in the

2004 case to seize and sell property mortgaged to secure the loan to the Guerreros.

Dockter said prior to the sale of the mortgaged property, Matilde Guerrero filed a motion to consolidate judgments, application to pay-off

consolidated judgments, and motion to vacate or stay the writ of attachment.

Dockter said the motion was supported by a declaration of Mrs. Naraja, who is the daughter of the defendants.

Judge Naraja's mother-in-

law's motion was untimely denied and litigation continues with CDA attempting to collect the large deficiency judgment.

Dockter also cited two cases entitled CDA v. Angyuta Shipping Co. involving slightly different defendants. One was initiated in 2003 and the other was initiated in 2004.

Default and summary judgments were secured by CPA in a piecemeal fashion against all the parties by December 2011.

In the 2003 case, as of November 2016, defendants owed \$2.6 million. In the 2004 case, as of November 2016, defendants owed \$1.0 million. Proceedings have continued through present day in both cases with CDA attempting to collect on the judgments.

In July 2016, CDA filed a motion to disqualify Naraja from the Angyuta matters. CDA identified the conflict for Naraja was his family's litigation against CDA and his simultaneously presiding over other CDA matters.

Dockter said the Angyuta order will certainly benefit Naraja's brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, mother-in-law and perhaps his own wife as CDA attempts to continue to collect on judgments against them.

Dockter said the motion was denied on Dec. 14, 2014.

Dockter said the writ of execution in Naraja's brother-in-law's case, CDA vs. Island Development and others, was served on Bank of Hawaii on afternoon of Dec. 5, 2016 and Mrs. Naraja withdrew all funds and closed the account in question on the morning of Dec. 6, 2016.

CDA was notified of Mrs. Naraja's conduct and the bank's attempt to recover the funds from Mrs. Naraja, as of that time unsuccessfully, on Dec. 22, 2016.

CDA actively attempted to recover the funds from Mrs. Naraja through at least Jan. 5, 2017.

Dockter said the close, immediate family of Naraja is involved in long-standing, contentious litigation with CDA: his wife's sister and her husband, his mother-in-law and the estate of his father-in-law, and his wife's brother and his wife.

And now, Dockter said, Naraja's wife is involved in a dispute with CDA over more than \$300,000.

The lawyer said Naraja has issued orders in other CDA cases in a manner, which is detrimental to CDA and beneficial to debtors, including to multiple members of his family.

"Even when impartiality actually exists in the mind of the judge in question, justice requires the appearance of impartiality to engender confidence in the justice system in the mind of the public," the lawyer said.

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## Easter promos you just can't ignore

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As one steps into a tradition of eggs, bunnies, and religion, the end of the Lenten Season yesterday is the start of a world of opportunity for both businesses and consumers alike. The festivities associated with the Easter season is not exactly limited to just Easter egg hunts as local businesses open a variety of services for the upcoming Easter Season starting this Sunday.

### Aqua Resort Club Saipan

The Costa Terrace Restaurant, Restaurant Raraina, and Vino Bar would come together to offer an Easter Sunday Brunch menu with special features for kids, such as a bouncing house, Easter bunny mascot with free treats, egg painting, and egg

hunting. Parents must register their children before they would be allowed to participate.

For \$35 per adults and \$17 per child, Easter Sunday Brunch would feature crab legs, fresh oysters, mussels, and shrimp along with a carving station that boasts a wide selection that includes roasted fresh Tinian beef in black peppercorn crust, baked Marianas bottom fish in kimchi mayo, and roasted fresh suckling pig with lemongrass to name a few of the food offerings for the holiday. Brunch is from 11am to 2pm. Call 322-1234 for more information.

### Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan

World Café serves additional

buffet items like roast beef, suckling pig, Mediterranean whole roast lamb, along with free flowing sparkling wine, domestic beer, and both red and white wine to accompany your meal at \$40 for adults and \$20 for children. Brunch is from 11am to 2pm. Easter activities registration starts at 11:30am and is immediately followed by body tattoos for kids and an egg hunt. Complimentary pool passes are available for every paying guest as well as live entertainment from a magician. Call 234-7171 for more information.

### Hyatt Regency Saipan

An Easter brunch at Giovannini's and Kili Café and Terrace

is served at \$55 per adult and \$27.50 per child. Club at the Hyatt members enjoy a discounted price of \$35. Brunch starts 10:30am and ends at 2pm.

From 11:30am to 1:30pm, an Easter egg hunt would be held at the Hyatt garden. Admission is \$15 per child and a discounted rate of \$5 if the child ate at the Easter brunch. Call 234-1234 for more information.

### Kanoa Resort Saipan

Kanoa's Isla Café offers a variety of local and international dishes including a live carving station and bottomless Asahi Blue Beer at \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 4-11. Brunch is from 11am to 2pm.

Upon presentation of your lunch receipt, your child is welcome to join the free 1pm Easter egg hunt at the Isla Garden. For more information, call 234-6601.

### World Resort Saipan

The Buffet World is offering an exquisite brunch with unlimited draft beer, champagne, wine, soda, coffee, and tea, all for \$30 for adults and \$15 and children respectively.

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For more information, call 234-5900.

### McDonald's Saipan

McDonald's Saipan is offering a fun-filled egg hunt with prizes at the McDonald's Middle Road branch tomorrow, April 15, 2017. The Easter egg hunt is open for children ages 3-9 from 9am to 11:30am and only registered participants are eligible to join.

Registration forms are available at the Middle Road branch and at the Garapan

branch. For more information, call 235-8761.

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## EDITORIAL

### ‘Killing Fields’ harvest of injustice: 1.7 million killed, 3 convictions

A visit to the memorial at Choeung Ek, a mass grave in Phnom Penh, offers a glimpse into the magnitude of Pol Pot’s butchery. Thousands of skulls stacked atop each other on shelves that reach skyward — a pillar of death that gives scale to the depravity of the Khmer Rouge.

From 1975 to 1979, the Khmer Rouge regime killed 1.7 million Cambodians, one of the worst mass murders the world has ever seen. Pol Pot died in 1998. But many others — the despot’s inner circle, his commanders, the overseers of the “Killing Fields” — also had blood on their hands.

Since 2006, a United Nations-backed tribunal made up of international and Cambodian judges and prosecutors has been investigating the mass killings, with the aim of bringing to justice the architects of the Cambodian genocide. Now, after 11 years, after spending \$300 million, what has been the tribunal’s yield so far? Three convictions, The New York Times reports. Two were top officials in the Khmer Rouge. The third oversaw a regime prison. All three were sentenced to life in prison. Two other defendants died before their trials ended.

From its inception, the tribunal has been hamstrung by its hybrid makeup. It’s the product of a compromise between the U.N. and the Cambodian government, which sought a layer of sovereignty over the court’s affairs. The U.N. and the Cambodian government share the cost of the court’s budget.

Three other individuals are also being investigated by the tribunal, but charges against them are doubtful — the current prime minister, a former member of the Khmer Rouge, has said he opposes any further indictments.

The court has limited itself to pursuing only senior Khmer Rouge leaders and individuals deemed “most responsible” for the mass killings. The Times cites one Khmer Rouge official, Im Chaem, 74, whom the court declined to try, even though she was accused of overseeing the deaths of thousands of people in a labor camp. Today, she lives with her children and grandchildren, tending her garden.

Genocide is a crime horrific enough to warrant the world’s oversight of its prosecution and adjudication. It’s why the U.N. oversees the International Criminal Court in The Hague, and initiated tribunals for the mass killings associated with the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. “Crimes against humanity” isn’t just a catch phrase; it’s a special category of horror that commits the world to ensuring the people responsible for mass murder are brought to justice — legally, fairly and without the taint of political bias. In the case of the Cambodia tribunal, that didn’t happen. Political bias poisoned the process.

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### Juicing that \$20

One of my pals said that when he was a kid \$20 seemed like a lot of money. But these days, he lamented, a twenty ain’t worth nothin’. It will barely move a car’s gas gauge off the “E” peg.

I don’t like it when my wallet is running on fumes, either. Does the humble \$20 bill still have any juice left in it?

Well, not always. When searching for bargains I’ve bought plenty of things that weren’t worth the money. I never gripe about the bad stuff, though. On the other hand, when I find something good I do like to mention it. Here are a few picks:

#### 1) Dover Thrift Edition books

Dover, a U.S. publisher, sells a number of classic titles that are often priced under \$5. Many are about \$3. I’ve even seen them for just \$1 on occasion. These are typically books that have been around so long that the copyrights have expired, thus putting the material into the public domain.

For \$20 you can fill a bag with Kafka, Dostoyevsky, Euripides, Voltaire, and other A-list writers.

These books are printed on paper that isn’t as white and glossy as what fancier books often use. I sometimes find Dover’s approach easier on the eyes because the paper generates less glare at the beach or under bright lights.

The price-tag on formal education has certainly gone up, and \$20 won’t make a dent in that realm. But when you can get some of the world’s best books for less than pack of cigarettes it’s a reminder that education, at least in some regards, demands less money than it does effort.

#### 2) Modern Chinese by Vivienne Zhang

I first mentioned this four-book series way back in December 2015. At the time I had only had the third book of the series. I was impressed with it so I eventually bought the other books. Studying Mandarin Chinese has been a very difficult endeavor, so I’m up for trying anything that might help me.

Zhang’s Modern Chinese books are essentially common phrases put into a very simple layout. The sets of phrases are accompanied by succinct explanations of the related grammar. There’s no academic mumbo-jumbo.

I wouldn’t suggest that this series, or any other series, is sufficient as a sole-source for studying the language. That seems to be a standard contemplated by some folks. Those folks are probably far better students than I am, and, as such, they’re capable of refining their materials to an elegant minimum. By contrast, I just have to throw stuff at the wall and see what sticks. I found that Modern Chinese helps some of the material stick pretty well. The books cost about \$10 to \$12 each.

#### By ED STEPHENS

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#### 3) The Aocome Portable AM/FM radio and MP3 player

A few weeks ago I bought one of these on-line for about \$14. I was curious to see if anything that cheap could be remotely worthwhile. The gamble paid off. This turned out to be a useful mix of retro and modern.

The retro part is that it’s a portable radio that has a built-in speaker, a physical on/off switch, and a physical volume control that’s a simple dial. If you remember the pocket transistor radios from the ’70s, this device will have a familiar feel. In fact, the generic version of this product, purveyed by other sellers, has been marketed as the “old man radio” in some cases.

There are some modern twists here. The device has a digital LED readout; a micro SD card slot and a USB stick slot for playing MP3 files; an audio-in jack that allows the device to be used as a speaker; an audio-out jack that allows the use of headphones or an external speaker; and a numerical keypad for user inputs. It is charged via a standard mini-USB cable. The battery is removable and is a common type of cell phone battery. A standard mini-USB cable is included, as is a standard 3.5mm patch cable for the audio jacks.

The MP3 feature is very basic. On the plus side, it’s easy to pause, and to resume, play. However, if you want to organize a large collection of files, or you have any other MP3 needs outside of basic playback, you should be aware that the file management options are very limited. For me, it’s not a problem, but your circumstances might be different.

As befits a pocket radio, the monaural speaker is very small. The sound is surprisingly full-bodied and even at high volume it doesn’t distort much. I never bothered to test the battery life; it’s hours and hours, and keeping it charged has been easy.

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Now that I’ve shared this information I’m going to sit in the backyard, listen to the radio, and do some reading. That’s really my only choice. After all, I sure can’t afford to drive anywhere.



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## Hearing on CUC board

The recent legislative oversight hearing of the CUC board on the power generator contract sent the issue back to the drawing board while legislators massage their ego feeling like suspect winners.

Apparently, none took the violation of ethics law seriously nor the specifics in the contract. Why was the credibility of the company fail serious questioning? So instead of demanding for the board's resignation they lamely smiled and said, "Don't do dat 'nai next time, okay?"

It's a typical local way of flushing out the truth, you know, one plus one is three. Never mind that the answer is wrong for as long as it is close to it. On the way out, the board returned smiles for the opportunity to deal with a bunch of "idiots."

A lot of important questions were left unanswered like who would pay for the \$11-million bond loan? Isn't it true that it is you and I who would be paying for it for years to come?

Sen. Arnold Palacios showed off his idiotic forte with the usual Gimme Liberty or Gimme Deaf speech. I chose to be deftly deaf. He thought he could shame the board that was just following his steps.

Remember when he rescued Best Sunshine from agency review then asked questions later, questions he should have asked in the beginning? Would Garapan have enough water and power when BSI is hooked to the system and operational?

My airhead hero Eric San Nicolas (St. Nick) lamely justified his decision. As he presented his disoriented SOCA other more vital issues were popping up in my mind. For instance, the last anchor or major investment (Tinian Dynasty) was shut down.

Did St. Nick ever recall what the shutter means, sir? It means far less in revenues for the Tinian Municipal Government. This shifts the mantra "moving forward" to "moving outward" as more of his people leave island in search for greener pasture elsewhere.

What does it mean for Saipan taxpayers? We end up paying more in taxes to make-up for the inadequacies of the elected elite on Tinian. Obviously, St. Nick couldn't care less if Saipan taxpayers are forced to pay more. But did you forget that we also have family needs and obligations too?

Is this why former lieutenant governor Jude Hofschneider forgave Dynasty's taxes by some \$10 million? Saipan taxpayers aren't your automatic backstop and we would insist that ill-fated decisions such as these are slammed permanently once and for all.

### IPI struggles, financially

It's sad tidings to learn of Imperial Pacific International's struggle to meet debts and obligations. It makes the completion of its Saipan project suspect. A story in the paper lays it out clearly:

"IPI has been having difficulty finding the necessary capital to finish construction of Imperial Pacific Resort, the permanent resort casino that will supplant IPI's temporary casino Best Sunshine Live, which runs out of a high-end shopping mall on Saipan. Work on the resort was reportedly only able to continue after controlling shareholder Cui Liije purchased \$100 million of company bonds in February."

If IPI continues struggling to find the requisite funds, would it eventually result in bankruptcy (broke) and abandonment of the project here? This path would deal a real blow to the local economy beyond our wildest imaginings.

Is there a way out? The NMI could pitch into salvaging the industry forthwith. Let's have alleged Lt. Gov. Biktot Hokog serve as the chief architect to funnel the \$400,000 expropriation as seed investment fund for the NMI.

**Illegal workers:** About four foreign workers were arrested for illegally working at a construction project in Garapan for vio-

lation of federal laws.

The greater question is culpability—who is responsible individually or jointly—for the violation of laws? You ushered them in and condoned their presence in your place of business. Isn't this a form of acquiescence that brings you into the fold? Or am I wrong?

Reportedly, the dead construction worker came in on a visitor visa and overstayed in the process. Others were brought in under the same category. There's a legal way of doing this but conveniently skipped for reasons only the firms know. It doesn't change the fact that it's all violation of laws.

Appalling that more than half of the 500 employees of the construction firm came in as tourists. What scheme this must be that failed. There are laws that must be followed. Anybody listening?

**Indigenous rights:** Chamorus on Guahan rallied in front of Adelup last weekend to show support for their rights to self-determination. It also includes support to limiting use of land to the indigenous people.

Further north, we're jumping up and down for more foreign workers using the economy as a scaffold. It's Trump's policy to provide Americans with jobs while guarding their safety. He'd probably tell our messengers, "Hire more U.S. citizens!" Once again, we'd be caught with our pants down.

**Dependency:** The term merits realistic definition. I'm not ready to blame the feds for the net effect of "dependency" radically twisted in context lacking reality check by very nimble

### THE CONSUMER CAUTION CORNER

## Chatting with kids about being online

By MICHAEL J. CYGANNEK  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

This week, the Office of the Attorney General's "Consumer Caution Corner" focuses on effective communication methods and safety measures parents can use to educate their children about their online safety.

### Talking to tour kids

Technology is constantly evolving. So are the risks associated with it. You can reduce these risks by talking to your kids about how they communicate — online and off — and encouraging them to think critically and act in a way they can be proud of. While kids value the opinions of their peers, most tend to rely on their parents for help on the issues that matter most.

- Start early
- Initiate conversations
- Communicate your expectations
- Be patient and supportive

### Communicating at Different Ages: Young Kids

- Supervision is important:
  - When very young children start using mobile devices or a computer, they should be supervised closely by a parent or caregiver. If little kids are not supervised online, they may stumble onto content that could scare or confuse them.
  - When you are comfortable that your young children are ready to explore on their own, it is still important to stay in close touch. You may want to restrict access to sites or apps that you have visited and know to be appropriate — at least in terms of their educational or entertainment value.

- Consider using various parental controls:
  - Filtering and blocking
  - Blocking outgoing content
  - Limiting time
  - Browsers for kids
  - Kid-oriented search engines
  - Monitoring tools

### Communicating at different ages: Tweens

- Tweens need to feel "independent" but not alone as they start exploring on their own. Many 8- to 12-year-olds are adept at finding information online, but they still need guidance to help them understand which sources are trustworthy.

### By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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minded locals. We point all fingers the other way while ignoring that three are pointing right back at us!

Can't lie about the truth and no matter how you wish to twist it, it still doesn't supplant it in any form or fashion. Now, there are those who add one plus one equals three and settled for it given that it brought them closer to their answer. Nice try!

Food stamps, Medicaid, and housing assistance are available in the NMI helping our poorest folks. Our people took advantage of them when there's no way out of below abject poverty living conditions.

These programs provide a cover for failed leadership incapable of instituting economic prosperity that lifts all boats. Being elected into office or accidental ascendancy isn't leadership exacerbated by confusion and inaction. Did you get that pal?

- Think about limits: Consider setting limits on how long and how often they can be online — whether on computers, phones, or other mobile devices. For younger tweens, parental controls can be effective. However, many middle school kids have the technical know-how to get around those controls.

### Communicating at different ages: Teens

■ Teens are forming their own values and beginning to take on the values of their peers. Many are eager to experience more independence from their parents. However, they need to learn how to exercise judgment about being safe online and act in accordance with their family's ethics.

■ Teens have more internet access through mobile devices — as well as more time to themselves — so it is not realistic for you to try to be in the same room when they are online. They need to know that you and other family members can ask them about what they are doing online.

### What can you do?

- Talk about credibility:
  - not everything they see on the internet is true
  - people online may not be who they appear to be or say they are
  - information or images they share can be seen far and wide
  - once something is posted online, it is nearly impossible to "take it back"
- Talk about manners.
- Talk about expectations.
- Remind your kids that online actions have consequences.
- Tell kids to limit what they share.
- Limit access to your kids' profiles.
- Help prevent cyberbullying.

For the complete "Net Cetera – Chatting with Kids About Being Online" Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") publication, please pick up a copy at the OAG (in Capitol Hill) or request one by email from consumer\_counsel@cnmioag.org. Each week, the OAG's Consumer Protection Education Program shares FTC publications that provide consumers and businesses with the "know-how" to identify and protect themselves from unfair trade practices and marketplace schemes. If you would like to file a consumer complaint, please pick up a form at the OAG (in Capitol Hill) or request one by email from consumer\_counsel@cnmioag.org. After completing the consumer complaint, please submit it by email or in-person. We cannot act as your private attorney. If you need legal assistance, we will recommend that you contact a private attorney or legal aid organization. We cannot give legal advice or act as your private attorney.

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## KILLING

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Some apologists argue it's enough that the tribunal's work has shed light on a dark chapter in Cambodia's past, allowing its people to reconcile and move on. That is not, however, the purpose of tribunals that investigate and prosecute those accused of mass killings. The aim should always be straightforward and unambiguous. "Trials at best, convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent," Peter Maguire, who has taught law and war theory at Columbia University, told the Times. Anything less simply isn't justice.



# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

A mix of clouds and sun in the morning giving way to a few showers during the afternoon.

▲86° ▼78°

SATURDAY

A few clouds from time to time.

▲86° ▼77°

SUNDAY

Showers early then scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day.

▲86° ▼77°

MONDAY

Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms.

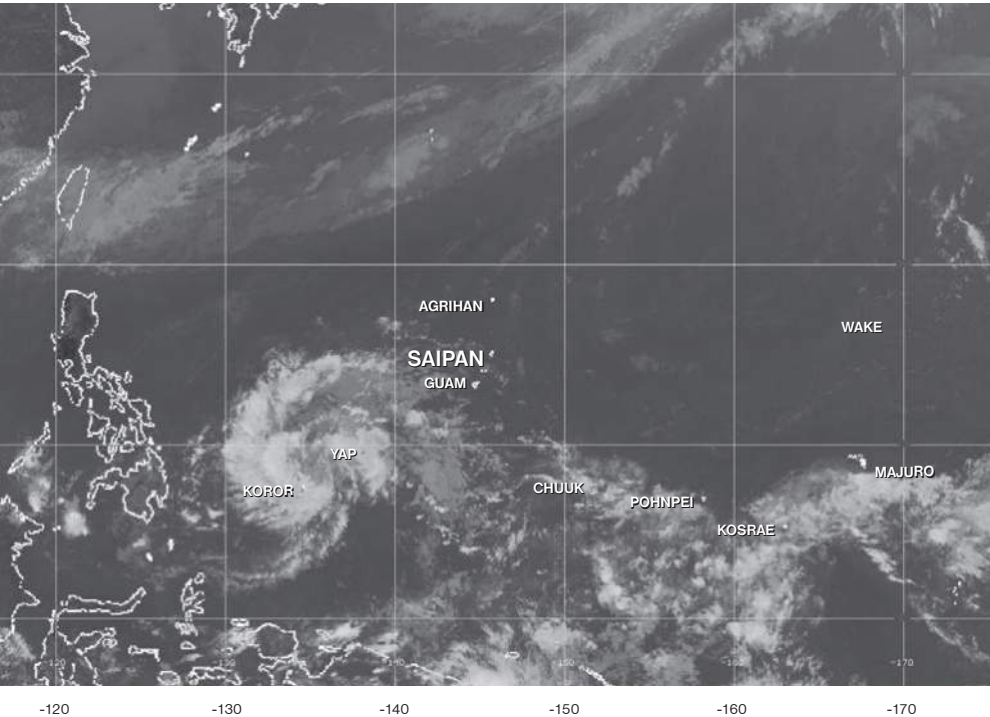
▲86° ▼78°

TUESDAY

Windy...scattered thunderstorms in the morning, then partly cloudy late.

▲85° ▼77°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:40 AM, THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No important changes have been made to the forecast, with partly cloudy skies becoming mostly cloudy at times over the next week, and only isolated showers expected--typical of dry season. Winds will come up slightly over the weekend into early next week. Seas will also gradually rise, bringing the rip risk up to moderate Saturday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Rain	86		78	°F
Palau	Thunderstorms	86		70	°F
Yap	Rain	85		71	°F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85		80	°F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86		78	°F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	84		78	°F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85		80	°F

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Cloudy	70		60	°F
Beijing	Sunny	80		51	°F
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	79		72	°F
Honolulu	Sunny	84		70	°F
London	Partly Cloudy	61		48	°F
Los Angeles	Mainly Sunny	69		52	°F
Manila	Sunny	96		77	°F
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	64		47	°F
Miami	Sunny	81		72	°F
New York	Partly Cloudy	63		46	°F
Osaka	Mainly Sunny	70		57	°F
Paris	Partly Cloudy	61		46	°F
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	71		49	°F
Rome	Sunny	67		51	°F
Salem	Cloudy	53		38	°F
San Francisco	Mainly Sunny	59		46	°F
Seoul	Rain	60		49	°F
Tokyo	Sunny	67		56	°F
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	68		51	°F

### NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:43 AM	LOW TIDE		0.81
8:59 AM	HIGH TIDE		1.8
3:56 PM	LOW TIDE		0.07
10:23 PM	HIGH TIDE		1.78

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:03 AM	6:31 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:31 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:31 PM
Monday	6:01 AM	6:31 PM
Tuesday	6:01 AM	6:31 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Friday	-	8:03 AM	8:59 PM
Saturday	-	8:45 AM	9:48 PM
Sunday	-	9:30 AM	10:37 PM
Monday	-	10:16 AM	11:25 PM
Monday	-	11:04 AM	-

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily	LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily	TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5	7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4
SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)				JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN			
7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7	7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
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UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
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UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM	UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
				UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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## Coast Guard, partner agencies hold search and rescue exercise off Maui

**HONOLULU, Hawaii**—The U.S. Coast Guard, Maui Fire Department, Maui 911 Dispatch, Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services, and Maui Emergency Management Services are scheduled to conduct a search and rescue exercise in Maui, Thursday.

The exercise will take place on the water and in the air near Molokini Crater with Coast Guard and local agencies working together to test and evaluate interagency communications, response plans, and responders' actions during a simulated exercise of a response to a missing diver. The exercise will be conducted from 7am to 11am.

During the search and rescue exercise, multiple agencies' assets will be launched, including the use of an Oscar mannequin equipped with an orange helmet and vest with an orange data buoy marker in the water. Oscar is weighted and used to simulate a person in the water. The general public is asked not to disturb Oscar or the data buoy marker, if found.

Assets are expected to include: a Coast Guard 45-foot Response Boat-Medium crew from Station Maui, an MH-65

Dolphin helicopter crew from Air Station Barbers Point, a helicopter crew, boat and ladder truck crews from the Maui Fire Department, a jet ski crew from Ocean Safety and an ambulance crew on standby from EMS.

The SAREX is being conducted to evaluate notification and response procedures between first responders and to identify any shortfalls in communication and coordination of response during search and rescue incidents. Each agency holds special capabilities that compliment each other's efforts and bolsters the overall success of the search and rescue system.

Although people are requested to stay clear of any boating area involved in the exercise, designated by the presence of Oscar, boats and other assets, the general public should remain vigilant and call 911 to report any possible distress situations.

Coast Guard duty personnel will not be affected by the exercise, and will be available to respond to any emergent or ongoing search and rescue cases.

For more information, contact the 14th District public affairs office at 808-535-3230. **(PR)**



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## Mariana Lounge: A pit stop for tourists



JON PEREZ

Guests will get to sign up at the reception before they can avail of the services at the Mariana Lounge.

By JON PEREZ  
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 REPORTER

Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd. continues to diversify its business ventures in the CNMI with its latest offering to the increasing tourism market, the Mariana Lounge—sort of a pit stop for arriving and departing passengers before they check in to their hotel rooms.

The midway facility for airports and hotels opens at 6pm today. Mariana Lounge is located at the former China House Restaurant along Beach Road beside National Office Supply.

Tourists who arrive between midnight to 3am could check in directly to their hotel room, but would still be billed for the full day; the same goes to those who would be checking out at 12 noon but their flight is scheduled in the early morning of the following day.

That's why you could see these tourists—those who

want to check in at 3pm or check out at 12 noon so they would no longer be billed for one full day—hanging around hotel lobbies for hours waiting for their transportation to the airport for their scheduled departure.

Mariana Resort & Spa general manager Gloria Cavanagh said they have been toying with the idea of opening an airport-lounge business in the last couple of years, but it only materialized last year after Kan Pacific president Yoshihiro Kitami's return to Saipan after visiting their office in Seoul, South Korea.

She added that Kitami, while in Korea, met with our office staff and some tour agents there to get some feedback on the idea of opening the Mariana Lounge on Saipan.

"When he returned he said that it is now the right time for the project. So we started renovating the building and we have to speed up the con-

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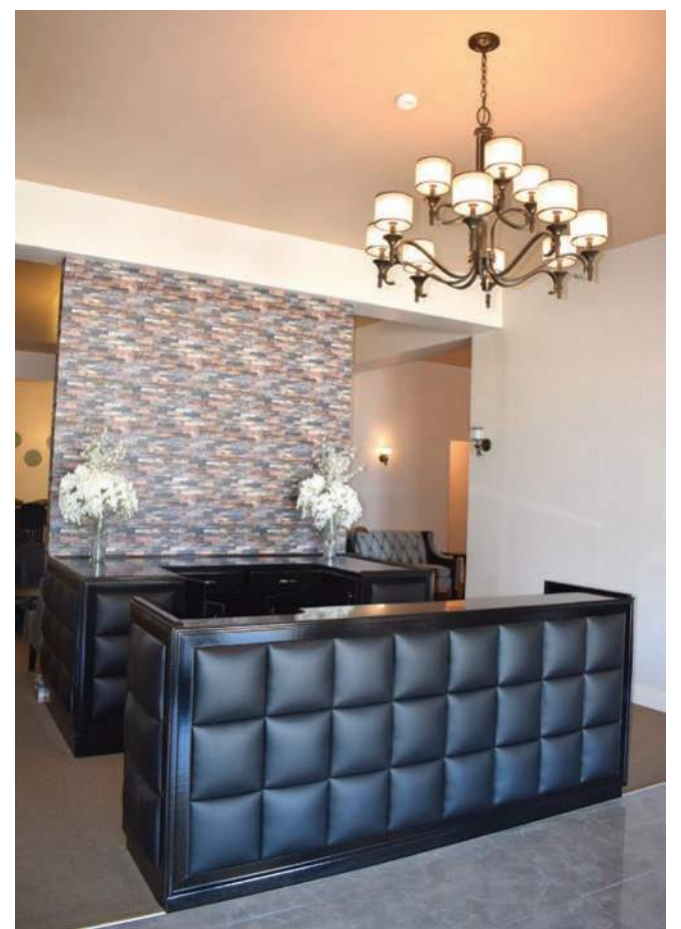
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struction since he wanted to open the Lounge quickly. That's why we have to push through with the April 14 ribbon cutting ceremony and opening the following day," said Cavanagh.

Most of the materials they used to spruce up the facility came from off-island, while their maintenance staff also had their contribution by making some of the furniture. Tourists could just relax in several of the reclining chairs and have their feet worked on by masseuse or get a full-body massage.

It also caters to visitors who came to Saipan for a business trip where they could still get in touch with their clients or officials from their head office because of the free Wi-Fi as they enjoy the view of the Saipan lagoon. It also has flat screen television sets and a children's room for toddlers to play.

Tourists could also order food and drinks while spending their last few hours on the island.

**Lounge's birth**

Cavanagh said they came up with the idea because of the growing number of the free independent traveler market in the CNMI. "It all stated because we have all these flights that are coming in between midnight to 5am and 85 percent of those flights arrive be-

tween those hours."

"The way a hotel works is when you come in and check it at 3pm, you are still going to be charged for the day before. The same goes for those who are about to leave but their flight is in the early morning. They could wait and relax at the Lounge instead of being charged for one day at the hotel."

She added that's one of the reasons why hotel lobbies are crowded with tourists waiting either to check in or check out on the required times in order to save money. "This is one of the ways we thought of the Lounge."

"It would help alleviate the need for a waiting area instead of staying in hotel lobby's. It would decongest a crowded hotel lobby with tourists and their luggage," said Cavanagh.

"We're going to remain open since we're going to have customers coming in the following day—early morning. We have a special partnership with Jin Air since they had already switched their flights to early morning. We also have direct customers who booked online while some are arranged by tour agents."

**Other amenities**

She clarified the Lounge is not a hotel but like an airport waiting area for passengers

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who are waiting to board their flight. “We made it into

a luxurious airport lounge with 92 seats and for a small fee [visitors] could stay for 12 hours. There are no beds but

all chairs and we used good materials for the facility and for the furniture.” “We made sure it is an invit-

ing and relaxing place for our visitors. When they are here, they could just relax, take a shower, watch TV, and we of-

fer free Wi-Fi so you could up-date your social media pages,” said Cavanagh. They also offer optional

tours for visitors who want to visit other places on the island or for those who want one last look on some of the sites before they leave. “There’s no problem if they have luggage, we could keep them while they are away. And we also provide transportation going to the airport.”

# ARE YOU AT RISK FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES?



## DIABETES RISK TEST

- 1

How old are you?

Less than 40 years (0 points)  
40—49 years (1 point)  
50—59 years (2 points)  
60 years or older (3 points)
- 2

Are you a man or a woman?

Man (1 point)    Woman (0 points)
- 3

If you are a woman, have you ever been diagnosed with gestational diabetes?

Yes (1 point)    No (0 points)
- 4

Do you have a mother, father, sister, or brother with diabetes?

Yes (1 point)    No (0 points)
- 5

Have you ever been diagnosed with high blood pressure?

Yes (1 point)    No (0 points)
- 6

Are you physically active?

Yes (0 points)    No (1 point)
- 7

What is your weight status?  
(see chart at right)

Write your score in the box.

**If you scored 5 or higher:**  
You are at increased risk for having type 2 diabetes. However, only your doctor can tell for sure if you do have type 2 diabetes or prediabetes (a condition that precedes type 2 diabetes in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal). Talk to your doctor to see if additional testing is needed.

Type 2 diabetes is more common in African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, American Indians, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Higher body weights increase diabetes risk for everyone. Asian Americans are at increased diabetes risk at lower body weights than the rest of the general public (about 15 pounds lower).

Add up your score.

Height	Weight (lbs.)		
4' 10"	119-142	143-190	191+
4' 11"	124-147	148-197	198+
5' 0"	128-152	153-203	204+
5' 1"	132-157	158-210	211+
5' 2"	136-163	164-217	218+
5' 3"	141-168	169-224	225+
5' 4"	145-173	174-231	232+
5' 5"	150-179	180-239	240+
5' 6"	155-185	186-246	247+
5' 7"	159-190	191-254	255+
5' 8"	164-196	197-261	262+
5' 9"	169-202	203-269	270+
5' 10"	174-208	209-277	278+
5' 11"	179-214	215-285	286+
6' 0"	184-220	221-293	294+
6' 1"	189-226	227-301	302+
6' 2"	194-232	233-310	311+
6' 3"	200-239	240-318	319+
6' 4"	205-245	246-327	328+
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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### GES kindergarten student registration starts April 20

Registration of kindergarten students for school year 2017-2018 at Garapan Elementary School will start on April 20.

The registration times are from 8am to 4:30pm at the GES library.

New students registration for grades 1 to 5, meanwhile, will begin on June 7, 2017.

The requirements for registration include the following:

- Birth certificate
- School Entrance Health Certificate from CHC or a private clinic (If you have an appointment slip please provide the school with a copy showing the appointment date)
- Copy of updated Health Insurance (Medicaid, Moylan's, Traders Insurance, Aetna, Staywell, etc.)

■ Map to residence (please be aware of the zoning policy).  
GES also reminded parents and guardians of the following:

- Child must be 5 years old to enter kindergarten. Dates of birth must be on or before Sept. 30, 2012.
- Child must be 6 years old to enter first grade. Dates of birth must be before Sept. 30, 2011.

GES Zoning include the villages and areas of the following:

- North Gualo Rai to Shell Puerto Rico
- China Town
- Upper and Lower Navy Hill
- Garapan Beach Road (up to Marianas Eye Institute)

GES reminded parents and guardians that a student's registration will not be entertained without all required documents. All documents must be updated!

For more information, call GES at 237-3341 or 664-3951. (PR)

### Kagman cluster schools set PTSA meeting

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that the Kagman cluster schools will be having a PTSA meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017, from 5pm to 6pm at the Kagman Elementary School cafeteria. We are encouraging all parents and guardians to attend this meeting. Please call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. Your support and understanding is appreciated. (PR)



# SCS, Ideal Signs onboard as sponsors of Charity Golf Classic

On an annual basis, Hyatt Regency Saipan and event partners Saipan Computer Services and Ideal Signs work side by side to finalize concepts for print collateral for the annual Charity Golf Classic campaign. Saipan Computer Services and Ideal Signs, platinum sponsors, generously print customized signage of vinyl banners for all other platinum sponsors for the 18-hole course at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

"It has been a pleasure to work with the highly skilled professionals at Ideal Signs and Saipan Computer Services. As one of the leaders in graphic design, custom and digital signage, and print materials on the island, we are extremely grateful to have their support for the golf tournament. It's donations like these that make the annual Charity Golf Classic event memorable. On behalf of Hyatt Regency Saipan, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to Ideal Signs and Saipan Computer Services," said MariaValentina Haberman, Hyatt Regency Saipan Marketing Communications manager.

"The core mission of the Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic is to care for others so they can be their best—



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Hyatt Regency Saipan executive chef Gabriele Colombo, Saipan Computer Services and Ideal Signs director of business development Jerry Tiu, Saipan Computer Services and Ideal Signs' Jose Tiu, Saipan Computer Services and Ideal Signs managing partner; Kazuko Tiu, and Hyatt Regency Saipan food and beverage director Tyrell Pauling pose for a group photo.

at work and beyond. Saipan Computer Services and Ideal Signs believe in this mission of Hyatt. As a business in the CNMI for over 30 years, we have always valued our partnerships with those undertaking worthwhile community events like Hyatt. Saipan Computer Services and Ideal Signs have long been proud supporters of this annual charity golf tournament. I encourage all golfers to participate

in this event, not only for its fun, but more so for its notable cause," said Jerry Tiu, director of Business Development, SCS, Inc.

Established in 1987, Saipan Computer Services has served the CNMI for 30 years. Following technology advances, global trends and providing the expertise for servicing clients, the organization is committed to providing "service beyond the sale."

The mission is embodied by their pride in customer-based diversity, proficiency, and assortment of services in computer technology and printing. Whether you are in need of a new computer system, spare parts, print collateral ranging from decal stickers to magnets to vinyl banners, Saipan Computer Services and Ideal Signs are able to meet your needs.

Grown in popularity over the years from being a fun golf

tournament for Club At The Hyatt members to an island-wide charitable event, the Charity Golf Classic the turns 21 this year—a special year that most either remember or don't for the same reasons.

All proceeds donated to the Hyatt Regency Saipan 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic will go to the event's six beneficiaries to include: Make-A-Wish Foundation, aiding them in their mission to grant wishes to children with life-threatening diseases; Kagman High School Million Dollar Club, supporting CNMI high school students in preparation and travel to higher education; Marianas Behavioral Health International, a rehabilitation center dedicated to provide support for those who want to make a positive change in their lives; Karidat Social Services, a local organization supporting the needs of the community; Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, an organization that assists impoverished women and children of the CNMI; and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, which has a goal to focus on supporting the education of indigenous cultures of the CNMI.

As of Monday, April 10, the Hyatt Regency Saipan 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic

has successfully sold out 150 player slots. Special thanks to the early bird registrants and sponsors. If you are still interested in playing, please call 234-1234 ext. 26 to get on the waiting list prior to Monday, April 17, 2017 to avail the early bird rate should a slot open up and receive a call from us directly.

Golfers are encouraged to invite a guest or two to the dinner banquet poolside, \$35 per person inclusive of free-flowing beverages and a dinner buffet featuring Certified Angus Beef cuts. Raffle tickets in the amounts of \$1, \$5, and \$10 will be sold for an array of prizes from designer handbags to high-end golf gear to round-trip tickets to the Philippines, Japan, Korea, and Europe that will be paired with hotel nights in other Hyatt, Hyatt Regency, and Hyatt affiliate hotels. Prize packages as such will not be offered at any other tournament for the rest of 2017.

Hyatt Regency Saipan will hold its 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic event on April 22 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort west course. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Hyatt Regency Saipan event page website: <http://bit.ly/2jF0MEh>. (PR)



## Safe and Healthy Programs



### Responsible Employers Manage Safety in the Workplace

#### A safe workplace is sound business.

##### What is a safety and health program?

A safety and health program is a proactive way to manage hazards in the workplace to prevent injuries and illnesses. Several program models are available for employees to follow, including OSHA's Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs, NSC's Journey to Safety Excellence, ANCI Z-10, or international standards such as OHSAS 18001. All successful safety and health programs involve three key components:

- Management **leadership**
- Worker **participation**
- A systematic approach to **finding and fixing hazards**



You can use OSHA's free recommended practices document and other resources to find the approach that is best for your workplace.

Download the OSHA Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs at [www.osha.gov/shpguidelines](http://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines)

##### Why implement a safety and health program?

Each year, more than four million workers suffer from serious job-related injuries or illnesses, and more than 4,000 Americans die from work-related incidents. These incidents don't just hurt workers and their families, they hurt businesses as well. Whether at large organization, medium-sized employers, or small businesses, safety and health programs can improve businesses' safety and health performance, save money, enhance your reputation, and help you be more competitive.

Safety and health programs can help you:

- **Prevent** workplace injuries and illnesses
- **Improve** compliance with laws and regulations
- **Reduce** costs, including significant reductions in workers' compensation premiums
- **Engage** workers
- **Enhance** your social responsibility goals
- **Increase** productivity and enhance overall business operations

**Effective January 1, 2015, all employers under the jurisdiction of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will be required to report all work-related fatalities within eight hours and all in-patient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye within 24 hours of finding out about the incident.**

##### How do I get started?

Getting started is easy and you can do it yourself. OSHA has recently updated its 1989 Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines to reflect changes in the economy, workplaces and evolving safety and health issues. The updated document, Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs, has been well received by a wide variety of stakeholders and is designed to be used in a small and medium-sized business settings.

The recommended practices present a step-by-step approach for implementing a safety and health program, built around seven core elements that make up a successful program. OSHA also provides resources to help small- and medium-sized businesses implement a safety and health program.



##### Where can I find help?

OSHA recognizes that regulations alone are not enough to change the safety culture in America, but a safety and health program is a way to start the journey to a safer workplace. Today's responsible business owner are actively managing safety in the workplace – why not get started now? Visit [www.osha.gov/shcampaig](http://www.osha.gov/shcampaig).

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-17-007

### CUC FACILITY FENCE REPAIRS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the repair of security fences for multiple Saipan water facilities in need of fence repairs due to damage caused by typhoon Soudelor.

**This project is funded by the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).**

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **120 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **April 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-007, CUC Facility Fence Repairs"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 28, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

**A Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The **Payment** and **Performance bond** must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 PM (ChST) on April 17, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email [yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org](mailto:yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS THE MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE POST CLOSURE OF THE PUERTO RICO DUMPSITE IN GARAPAN, SAIPAN RFP17-GOV-112

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Capital Improvement Office (CIP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to provide **Labor, Material and Equipment for the MONITORING SERVICES of the Post Closure Maintenance of the Puerto Rico Dumpsite** in Garapan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The project package is available at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A pre-proposal meeting regarding this project will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill. Questions regarding the Request for Proposals shall be addressed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office, at [esb.cip@gmail.com](mailto:esb.cip@gmail.com) or facsimile (670) 664-2272 no later than 4:00 p.m., ChST, April 20, 2017.

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. A contractor that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and experience on similar projects	30%
2. Past Performance with CNMI Projects	30%
3. Cost	40%

Performance time for completion of this project will be a two year contract with an option to renew for six months upon issuance of notice to proceed. Contractors will be assessed \$200/day for any delays in the monitoring and reporting to BECQ and USEPA based on the Post Closure Maintenance Plan prepared by GHD Inc., May 2014.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top 3 ranked contractors. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified contractor to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP17-GOV-112 "To provide Labor, Materials and Equipment for the MONITORING SERVICES OF THE POST CLOSURE MAINTENANCE OF PUERTO RICO DUMPSITE" in Garapan, Saipan. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, April 26, 2017. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, April 26, 2017 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com).

For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than April 26, 2017 and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than May 5, 2017. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/Virginia C. Villagomez  
Governor's Authorized Representative

# Commerce needs 5 survey enumerators for PWWAS

The Central Statistics Division of the Department of Commerce is currently conducting the 2016 Prevailing Wage and Work Assessment Survey and needs an additional five survey Enumerators for the 2016 PWWAS for the island of Saipan.

The survey gathers vital employment and occupational data which provides pertinent information to determine the prevailing wage rates for the CNMI as well as a demographic profile of our local workforce that will be used for labor training programs and business policy decisions.

Duration for the survey enumeration will not exceed 90 days but is subject to early completion due to the rate of progress of the enumeration work.

Applications are to be turned in to CSD as soon as possible.

This position is located within the Central Statistics Division, Department of Commerce, Saipan. The incumbent is under the general supervision of the Director of Central Statistics Division.

#### Duties and responsibilities:

- Must review assigned workload and plan survey routes.
- Must establish contact

and personally visit every assigned business establishment and conduct the 2016 PWWAS.

- Must work with business owner, human resource personnel or its designee to complete a 2016 CNMI Prevailing Wage Study survey questionnaire.

- Must maintain and regularly update a log/record of each business visited and completed.

- Must keep a close contact and coordinate daily or on a regular basis with the CSD office to maintain good flow of work.

- Maintains strict confidentiality of all survey questionnaires and related materials and information.

- Must have reliable transportation as majority of work will be performed out in the field.

- Reports to work in accordance with the Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations.

- Conducts herself/himself in accordance with the PSSRR and 3 CMC, Division 4, Section 44134.

- Performs other related duties and responsibilities as assigned.

#### Applicants' requirements for non-government employees:

- OPM application filled out and signed and dated (Resume not needed just employment history part of the application filled out will suffice).

- A copy of a valid CNMI driver's license.

- A copy of high school diploma or GED or college.

- A copy of police clearance that is still valid upon start of the survey.

- A copy of Social Security Card.

All completed application forms and required supporting documents should be turned in to the Central Statistics Office located in Capitol Hill.

Application forms can be downloaded from the following address <http://www.cnmiopm.net/resources/files/Employee%20Application.pdf> or they can be picked up at the Office of Personnel Management located at their new location at the Springs Plaza Middle Road. OPM Office hours are 7:30am-11:30am and 12:30am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday and closed on legal holidays. Tel: (670) 234-6925.

Questions concerning the position or submission of the application can be directed to Central Statistics Division staff Brenda Rideb, Fermin Sakisat, or Tom Torres at (670) 664-3023/3045. **(PR)**

# San Nicolas extends condolences to Tumed family

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas and the people of Tinian would like to extend their sincerest condolences to the family of the late Army Specialist Johnny Jesus R. Tumed.

Tumed passed on March 30, 2017 at Fort Drum, New York at 22 years of age. Tumed began his education on Tinian from the Tinian Head Start to



Tumed

Middle School and graduated from Simon Sanchez High School in Guam.

"To his father, Larry M. Tumed, siblings, and family members, we extend our sincerest condolences during this extremely difficult time. We are grateful for Specialist Tumed's service and offer our prayers and support," said San Nicolas in a statement. **(PR)**

# Scheduled power interruption on April 18

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there will be a scheduled power interruption on Tuesday, April 18, from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow CUC line crew to safely relocate a primary power pole in Fina Sisu on Gafo Pl. This is part of an

on-going maintenance program to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout the island.

Areas to be affected are Fina Sisu Chalan Tun Antonio Apa (Gafo Pl., Patma Pl., Penka Pl., Heggao Pl., Ubwut Pl., and Aschi Pl.)

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take

alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas. CUC appreciates the understanding of the community during this period.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). **(CUC)**

# Gualo Rai to experience water service interruption

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there will be a scheduled water service interruption starting Monday, April 17, to Wednesday, April 19, from 6pm to 6am in the Gualo Rai area. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water services soon thereafter.

CUC's contractor for the

Gualo Rai Reservoir Replacement project will be disinfecting the new concrete water tank. In order to disinfect the tank, CUC operators will need to fill the tanks overnight. Disinfection of the tanks will ensure the water stored is safe for the consumer's use. After the completion of this project, the water pressure of Gualo

Rai Village will improve.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). **(CUC)**



# KHS students accepted to JSA, STEP-UP programs

Kagman High School is proud to announce two Ayuyus have been accepted into the Junior Statesmen Summer program to attend classes at Stanford University this summer of 2017.

Justine Kirby and Dionisses Valdisimo both applied and were accepted into this

year's cohort of participants. Valdisimo also won one of the coveted scholarships awarded to CNMI students to attend the program this summer.

"The mission of the Junior State of America and the Junior Statesmen Foundation (JSA) is to strengthen American democracy by educating

and preparing high school students for life-long involvement and responsible leadership in a democratic society.

In the student-run Junior State and at JSA summer schools and summer institutes, participants learn statesmanship as they engage in political discourse. They cultivate

democratic leadership skills, challenge one another to think critically, advocate their own opinions, develop respect for opposing views and learn to rise above self-interest to promote the public good" (<http://jsa.org/about/the-junior-statesmen-foundation/mission/>).

For more information, please go to <http://jsa.org/>.

Another summer program KHS Ayuyus will be represented this summer is in this year's STEP-UP Program.

KHS students snagged three out of the four available spots for the CNMI. Seniors Tara Tudela and Khloe Borja will be participating for a second year in a row. Alyssa Cepeda is a Junior and will be participating for the first time this year.

"STEP-UP stands for Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented

Persons. STEP-UP is a NIH/NIDDK funded program that provides hands-on biomedical and behavioral research opportunities to eager high school juniors and seniors from underrepresented and/or disadvantaged backgrounds. Pacific STEP-UP is a component of the program designed specifically to address some of the unique challenges faced by students living in the Pacific Basin who are curious about and interested in careers involving science and research" (<https://www.pacificstepup.org/faqs>). **(PR)**

## US, Singapore air forces conduct joint training in Guam

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo yesterday issued the following statement on joint training between the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the United States Air Force. The training will be conducted between April 10 and May 11, 2017 out of Andersen Air Force Base.

Singapore, which only owns 1,800 miles of airspace, routinely conducts training

missions in the United States, Europe, and Australia. This is the first deployment of RSAF aircraft and personnel to Guam and is the result of discussions that began last summer to increase training opportunities between the two Air Forces.

"I am encouraged that the Republic of Singapore Air Force recognizes Guam's strategic location and availability of training ranges to conduct bilateral training exercises

with the U.S. Air Force. Because of the significant logistical and financial undertaking required to coordinate joint training on the U.S. mainland, we must continue to seek opportunities to train with other nations in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region while maintaining a forward presence. This engagement further demonstrates that Guam's strategic location allows allies and partners to interact and train with

U.S. personnel and equipment on and in American soil, waters, and airspace without leaving the region. Singapore is an important ally in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region and I welcome this training opportunity. I hope to see further engagements with them, on Guam, in the future, and I encourage them to continue to be good community partners with our civilian population," said Bordallo. **(PR)**



### EXECUTIVE TOUR

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog pose with the fifth grade students from William S. Reyes Elementary School in front of the Governor's Office last Wednesday. The students were able to visit the Governor's Office on Capitol Hill and learned about the functions of the Executive Branch of the CNMI government.

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO APPOINT GENERAL GUARDIANSHIP FOR:	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0140
Christian Danrei Camoral	
Minor Child	NOTICE OF HEARING
By	
Arnel Ibias Ibarreta	
Petitioners	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on April 20, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2017

Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Bank of Guam, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO.: 15-0085 (T)
vs.	
Joaquin M. Castro, Defendant	SECOND AMENDED SUMMONS

#### TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: JOAQUIN M. CASTRO

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to file any answer you wish to make to the **COMPLAINT**, a copy of which can be obtained at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres in Chalan Kiya, within twenty (20) days after service of this **SECOND AMENDED SUMMONS** upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to **Robert T. Torres**, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Immal Awewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your Attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded by the Complaint.

So ORDERED on this the 31st day of March, 2017.

/s/  
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk of Court



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

### BOARD OF PAROLE

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## TO ALL MEDIA SERVICES PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor and the Honorable Victor B. Hocog, Lt. Governor, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", hereby give Official Notice that a **Preliminary Hearing** is scheduled for **April 20, 2017 (Thursday) at 10:100 a.m.** at the CNMI Board of Parole Office Conference Room, Building No. 1216 located at Capital Hill Saipan MP 96950. The following individual(s) will appear before the Hearing Examiner.

#### A. Parolee

**1. Alvaro J. Cabrera Cr. Cs. No.: 15-0030/13-0051  
B.O.P. No.: 17-001**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Board of Parole Office at telephone numbers 664-3300 or 664-3302

Ramon B. Camacho  
BOP Chairman

Date



### COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

#### I. PRELIMINARIES:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes – March 29, 2017

#### II. REPORTS:

- Report by the Chairman
- Report by the Executive Director

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

- Updates from IPI:
  - Construction Progress – Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel
  - Update on the scheduled soft opening of Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel
  - Updated IPI Organizational Chart
  - Status and updates on IPI's Bond Issuance or Loan Agreements
  - Personnel Training and Recruitment Efforts
  - Responsible Gaming Program
  - Amendment of Casino License Agreement
  - Other Matters

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

- Status of Proposed Casino Amendment Bill

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Notification of Provisional Casino Key Employee ("CKE") License:
  - Mr. Wong, Soon Ming ("Lucas"): Senior Vice President of Gaming Finance
- Notification of Casino Provisional Service Provider License: Issued by CCC on 04/13/17:
  - Vastcom Technology Limited
- Election of Officers:
  - Term of Office: May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018
  - Positions: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Information Officer
- Proposed Changes to the Casino Regulations and Others
 

1. § 175-10.1-920	Casino Employee Licensee Standards.
2. § 175-10.1-1105	Duty to Disclose and Cooperate.
3. § 175-10.1-1130	Consent to Examination of Accounts and Records.
4. § 175-10.1-1315	Disqualification Criteria.
5. § 175-10.1-1501	Commencement of Complaint.
6. § 175-10.1-1510	Notice of Defense.
7. § 175-10.1-1515	Right to Hearing; Waiver.
8. § 175-10.1-1525	Revocation of License or Registration; Hearing.
9. § 175-10.1-1855	Collection of gaming credit to add Junket Operators granting credit.
10. § 175-10.1-2605	Licensure and Registration Required.

#### VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Report by the Legal Counsel
- DPAC Status
- IPI Financial Matters

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan  
Chairman



# Mount Carmel School offers mini-courses

Cooking. Woodwork. Dyeing T-shirts. These are just a few of the dozens of alternative courses that were taught this past week at Mount Carmel School as part of Mini-Course Week. In its 21st year at the school, Mini-Course Week gives junior high and high school teachers and students a chance to take a break from traditional academic instruction and dabble in hobbies and interests that engage students in hands-on learning.

This year’s Mini-Courses is the fourth year for sophomore Dayna Macaranas,

who signed up for Workout 101, Zen Tangle, and the Art of Beading. She said, “It’s a great experience for students to really learn some cool topics.” She added, “I’ve really enjoyed Workout 101 with Ms. Petty; it’s been active and fun.”

While it was the fourth time for Macaranas to enjoy the courses, it was a first for 7th grade student, Christopher Mafnas, who took Zen Tangle and Finding Your Way with Algebra. He was pleasantly surprised by what he learned. As he puts it, “It’s great because I got to learn new art styles, new patterns in Zen Tangle, and it was cool to learn how Algebra helps us in our lives.” Looking ahead to next year, Mafnas hopes to take basketball and cooking.

Mini-Course Week featured a wide array of unique courses, including Weaving, The Art of Beading, Latin, Barbecuing, and Bible Study. The school expresses its appreciation to the following community volunteers for helping teach this year’s courses: Mark Flores, Bill Joseph, Jude Lizama, Michael Ogo, Lucy Sablan, and Solly Takai-Nakamura. The school also thanks Northern Marianas College’s Coopera-

tive Research, Extension and Education Service for lending the support of its talented staff. **(MCS)**



Seniors Keona Camacho, left, and Karleen Reyes, right, cook up tasty dishes in Cooking 1.



Karen Sato, right, and Joannie Paraiso learn how to assemble skirts in Weaving.



Jennifer Villagomez, second from left, learns how to till the soil with help from NMC CREES’ Solly Takai-Nakamura, far left.



William Chen, right, learns basic woodworking under the guidance of Bill Joseph.



Kloney Virrey sautéed up an omelette for Cooking 2.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Bank of Guam, Plaintiff,

vs.

VINCENT M. CALVO and SALOMAE H. CALVO, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 14-0151

NOTICE OF AUCTION ON THE MORTGAGED PROPERTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 5th day of December, 2016, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **8th day of May, 2017 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

**Parcel One**  
Lot No. 006 R 05 (formerly know as Block 12, Lot 1) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 006 R 00 the original of which was recorded 12 NOV 71 as Document No. 1293 at Land Registry, Saipan.

**Parcel Two**  
Lot No. 345 R 445, (formerly known as Lot 345 R 82) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 15 the original of which was recorded 12 MAR 92 as Document No. 92-0829 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

**Parcel Three**  
Tract 22009-6, (formerly part of Tract 22009-1-R1, which was part of original Tract 22009), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3021 - 85 the original of which was recorded 18 SEP 1985 as Document No. 85-1818 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan. Lot 001 G 18, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02 the original of which was recorded 20 MAR 1986 as Document No. 86-0513 and also recorded 16 FEB 1989 as Document No. 89-0511 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.**

**1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

**2. Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the properties listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the properties. Bids may be entered in person, in writing to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758 CK Saipan, MP 96950 or Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

**3. Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

**4. Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

**5. Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 30th day of March, 2017.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

**PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER**  
in Civil Action No. 15-0199, styled,  
the Bank of Saipan vs Rudolf W. Leis and Helga G.G. Leis –  
a leasehold in Lot 012 J 17 is now up for auction!



**EXECUTIVE Home  
WITH PANORAMIC OCEAN VIEW,  
Laulau Heights, SAIPAN**

**AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE LAW OFFICES OF S. JOSHUA  
BERGER ON JUNE 1, 2017 AT 11:00 A.M.**

This is a Foreclosure Auction as authorized under Order of the Superior Court in Civil Action No. 15-0199

Contact Auctioneer, Micheline 'Mich' Brel at 235-8060 or via email at brelmich@gmail.com for more information.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

DOCOMO PACIFIC proposes to build a 160-foot self-support tower. The site location is 1.23 miles NW of Suicide Cliff, Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands or at coordinates 14-57-22.7 N, 145-38-48.8 E. The FCC ASR, Form 854 file number is A1069844.

Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the file number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest). The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.



## Every drop counts: Squadron 15 hosts blood drive

**PITI, Guam**—One by one the volunteers finished their questionnaires and took a seat, bracing in anticipation of the small pinch they would endure in exchange for the opportunity to grant the gift of life to a fellow service member.

Commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) 15 partnered with the Armed Forces Blood Program (ASBP) to host a mobile blood drive March 30 at the COMSUBRON 15 headquarters building on Polaris Point. Service members, Department of Defense (DoD) civilians, contractors and family members from ships and submarines stationed on Guam came out in support of the cause.

"I coordinated a mobile blood drive here at squadron because of our affiliation with the four forward-deployed submarines and two submarine tenders on this island," said Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Michael Atkinson, COMSUBRON 15's Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC). "We are the best location on the waterfront for those who want to donate."

In addition to weekly mobile blood drives, U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam also conducts apheresis (ABC) donations on site, which is the process of giving only the components of blood needed for patients that day. Instead of donating a pint of blood as a whole, the ABC donor's blood is run through a machine that separates the components of their blood; the parts not needed for patients are immediately returned to the donor during the donation.

"I oversee the program for Naval Hospital Guam," said Lt. Matthew Coon, USNH Guam Blood Bank department head. "Our facility, in addition to the ones in Hawaii, Japan, and Korea, provides blood for special operations missions, active duty service member care and the care of their loved ones in this area of operation."

The AFBP has served as the sole provider of blood for the U.S. Armed Forces since 1962. They collect, process, store and distribute blood and blood products such as packed red blood cells, platelets and frozen plasma to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and their families worldwide.

"I believe that the process of donating blood is significantly underestimated and undervalued," said Lt. Peter Beale, COMSUBRON 15 Undersea Medical Officer. "People don't realize the real

impact they can have on saving someone's life."

Although the majority of patients who receive blood from the program are military and dependents, the ASBP also assists in times of humanitarian aid and natural disaster response such as the relief efforts during Hurricane Matthew in 2016. ASBP worked with USNS Comfort to provide aid and frozen red blood cell units to those in need. Thanks to the donations provided by service members, DoD civilians and dependents, Comfort was able to help save the lives of those who had lost everything else.

The mobile blood drive serves as a vital lifeline to the ASBP, and with the help of commands like COMSUBRON 15, more than 150,000 units of blood has been transfused on the battlefield in the last 12 years.

"I think it's so vital for Sailors to take a small block of their day to donate blood, if they can," said Atkinson. "Their small sacrifice goes directly to their fellow service members in need. In the unfortunate instance when a situation arises either locally or down range at a battalion aide hospital, we have an opportunity to help, to give, to save a life."

Guam serves as one of four blood bank facilities that serve the Micronesian area. Squadron 15 hosts ASBP blood drive every six months, in hopes of encouraging maximum participation to help fellow service members. In addition to those that regularly give, those who have rare blood types and new check-ins are encouraged to participate. In total there are more than 20 ASBP donation centers between Army, Navy and Air Force facilities worldwide.

To donate blood at the next drive near you, visit the ASBP site at <https://www.militarydonor.com/> or contact your nearest military medical treatment facility.

COMSUBRON 15 is located at Polaris Point, Naval Base Guam in Apra Harbor, Guam, and consists of four Los Angeles-class attack submarines. The squadron staff is responsible for providing training, material and personnel readiness support to these commands. Also based out of Naval Base Guam are submarine tenders USS Frank Cable (AS 40) and USS Emory S. Land (AS 39). The submarines and tenders are maintained as part of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed submarine force and are readily capable of meeting global operational

requirements.

For more news from Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, visit our official CSS-15 website at <http://www.csp.navy.mil/css15> and our official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SubmarineSquadron15/>.

Are you interested in taking orders to Guam? Want to learn more about the duty station and life on our island? For more information, check out the 'Go Guam!' website at <http://www.csp.navy.mil/go-guam/> and download the '1st Fifteen' checklist. **(PR)**



### JUDICIARY TOUR

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William S. Reyes Elementary School fourth graders took a field trip to Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's courtroom to learn about the Judiciary, the role of judges, attorneys, jurors and witnesses last Wednesday, April 12. The students took a tour of the CNMI House of Justice and even got to see actual cases.

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**Summary:** This position reports directly to the Direct Sales Supervisor. This position is mainly responsible for Customer relation with new applicants and/or current DPAC customers. This position is out in the field daily at various hours of the day in various weather conditions. This position is paid bi-weekly commissioned based only; Full-Time status with benefits.

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- Computer Literate
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  - Microsoft Excel

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# Building Pacific social citizens through education

**NADI, Fiji**—Senior education policy and curriculum development officials from the region met from April 3 to 5 to map a way forward for their countries to strengthen the human rights, gender equality, civic education and social citizenship components of their national education curriculum.

The meeting, jointly organised by SPC's Regional Rights Resources Team (RRRT), Educational Quality and As-

essment Programme (EQAP) and Social Development Programme (SDP) with the support of the Australian Government, discussed the relevance, readiness, and opportunities for implementing human rights curricula in Pacific island countries.

Participants shared experiences from implementing other socially-orientated curricula balancing multiple demands, and generating curriculum content and teach-

ing solutions by drawing on existing skills and expertise. There was consensus on building on existing curricula. Countries represented included Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

Speaking at the opening of the consultation, SPC Deputy Director-General Dr. Audrey Aumua, said universal enjoy-

ment of human rights, including equal opportunities and outcomes for women and girls, reflected the best of what Pacific cultures and histories had to offer, and complemented SPC's vision for prosperity and development in the region.

"Social citizenship education, tailored to country contexts and adaptive to local conditions and challenges will prepare Pacific youth to embrace and own human rights

and gender equality," said Aumua.

RRRT Senior Human Rights Adviser, Dr. Jayshree Mangubhai said "This consultation is in the context of SPC's growing role in this area, and brings together SPC's significant experience and expertise in human rights, gender, and education design and delivery to address common issues."

Mangubhai added that this consultation was a critical step

in ensuring that school curricula incorporated and promoted respect for the human rights of all and the attendant responsibilities.

Moving ahead, SPC will provide curriculum development, policy review, gender and human-rights mainstreaming and whole of school support to Pacific countries as they integrate human rights and gender equality into the school and education system. **(PR)**

**NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga**—Over 100 high-level delegates and experts will convene in Tonga at the end of April for the Third Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministerial Meeting to discuss the latest international and regional developments in energy and transport sectors affecting the region.

The high-level meeting, which will be hosted at the Fa'onehua Convention Centre in Nuku'alofa, will cover energy and transport challenges and priorities included in the Framework for Resilient De-

## Tonga to host Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers Meeting

velopment in the Pacific, the Framework for Action on Energy Security in the Pacific and the regional Framework for Action on Transport Services.

"The meeting is timely. Individually as sovereign nations, we have obligations to these global and regional instruments, but more importantly, to our own respective nationally determined contributions and government's energy and transport targets and aspirations. The meeting will therefore look at adopting

regional positions, which we can task our regional agencies and partners to assist us on and which we can go out to global forums and negotiations and promote with a united voice," said Siaosi 'Ofakivahafolau Sovaleni, deputy prime minister, Minister for Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC) and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Pacific Community Di-

rector-General Dr. Colin Tukitonga said: "This meeting provides an important platform for energy and transport ministers to discuss and commit to regional positions and interventions that will complement national efforts towards achieving accessible, affordable, safe and clean energy and transport services for all in the Pacific region in the context of sustainable development."

The theme of this year's meeting is Affordable, Reli-

able and Sustainable Energy and Transport Services for All, which supports the vision of Pacific energy and transport ministers of their sectors being key pillars to enable sustainable development and eradicate poverty.

The week-long meeting will feature a combined plenary for energy and transport officials ahead of the ministers meeting.

High on the agenda for energy officials are discussions around needed reforms and re-

gional commitments to facilitate the rapid transition of the region to a more cost competitive, reliable and low carbon economies.

Transport officials will have the opportunity to explore among other things, ways to improve the governance of the maritime sector; the energy efficiency and safety of shipping and ports; prevent marine pollution; facilitate access and contribution of women to the maritime sector; and improve coordination and contribution of Pacific Island countries to international negotiations.

The energy and transport ministers will consider the resolutions of the officials and will also discuss the concept of Green and Blue Economy as well as the challenges of access to multilateral environment funding to support addressing the region's energy and transport challenges.

As part of the week's events, SPC together with its members and partners will celebrate its 70th Anniversary in Tonga.

The inauguration of the Nuku'alofa-based Pacific Centre of Excellence on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE) will also take place.

The Centre is part of a global network of regional centres and will work alongside Pacific Island countries and territories to accelerate their progress towards their respective national renewable energy and energy efficiency targets.

Among the high-level speakers at the meeting will be the Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, LI Yong, the CEO of the Sustainable Energy for ALL (SE4ALL) & Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for ALL, Rachel Kyte, and the Director of the Technical Cooperation Division of the International Maritime Organization, Nicolaos Charalambous.

The Third Pacific Regional Meeting for Energy and Transport Ministers' Meeting is scheduled April 24-28. **(PR)**



### LOOKOUT FACELIFT

Songsong Village Lookout on the island of Rota before improvements by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

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The Marianas Visitors Authority completed a facelift of iconic Songsong Village Lookout on Rota last April 7, repairing the guardrail and repainting the entire structure. The site is several destination enhancement projects being undertaken by the MVA in Rota.





# TES students tour ancient Chamorro sites

In celebration of the Chamorro Cultural Month this April, Tinian Elementary School students from kindergarten to third grade had the opportunity to visit ancient Chamorro sites such as the Taga House and Taga Well.

Students were accompanied by their homeroom and Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Studies teachers. Parents joined the students, teachers, and administrators for the event. There were a total of 137 students, eight teachers, and 20 parents who participated in the field trip.

The guest speaker was local historian Don A. Farrell. At first, Farrell was not sure how he could be in front of the students with these ages. He is so used to being in front of older audiences, like veterans and their families, when talking about the Mariana Islands and their people.

This is what Farrell had to say, "To be honest with you, when I arrived at Taga Park and parked my car, I sat underneath one of the big tree in a shade and tried to figure out how to approach this group of students. I am so used to talking to older audiences. So I just let myself think that I am now going to be a teacher in front of these students and secondary as a historian. I made up my mind that today will be the day for our children to learn about their history. After all, today is really a history in the making, since many of these students here are children of my former students and many of the teachers are also my former students."

Lou-Connie Manglona



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Tinian Elementary School kindergarten to third grade students celebrated Chamorro Cultural Month this April by having a field trip to historical sites Taga House and Taga Well.

said, "I am so amazed on how Mr. Farrell managed to have those students (especially the third graders) keep their attention and asking questions and responding to Mr. Farrell's questions. Today is truly a great day for this kind of event. Not only that many parents joined us, the event also allowed our students to see first-hand what we all have been discussing in our classroom with our teachers about our culture. The students as well as our parents are now able to better understand and appreciate our culture and heritage."

In closing, Farrell had this to say to the students, "I hope many of you here today will go on to finish high school and then go on to college. But most importantly, I hope that some of you will study the history of these islands and their people and then come back to these islands and do exactly



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Students gather around local historian Don A. Farrell.

what I am doing today. That will make me very happy."

Back in the classroom, Mrs. Farrell, the CCLHS teacher asked the third graders, "So how do you like the field trip?" One of the students responded, "Is Mr. Farrell your husband?" Mrs. Farrell said, "yes, why?" The student responded, "Because you tell good stories, but Mr. Farrell tells better stories." (PR)

## Social Security launches 1st 'National Social Security Month' in April

Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, invites everyone to celebrate the first National Social Security Month in April by taking five steps toward financial security at [www.socialsecurity.gov/5-steps-toward-your-financial-security](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/5-steps-toward-your-financial-security). During the month, Social Security will provide educational articles and video messages on its website featuring personal finance expert Suze Orman. Each message will provide the public with practical tips for developing a sound financial plan that includes Social Security as a foundation.

"With retirement, disability, and survivors benefits, Social Security helps secure today and tomorrow for millions of people throughout life's journey," Acting Commissioner Berryhill said. "By hosting National Social Security Month, we hope to help the

public understand their Social Security protections and promote financial education."

The National Social Security Month campaign will emphasize the agency's five key steps toward financial security:

1. Get to know your Social Security
2. Verify your lifetime earnings with a my Social Security account
3. Estimate your future Social Security benefits at my Social Security
4. Apply online for retirement, disability, or Medicare benefits
5. Manage your Social Security benefits

On average, Social Security replaces approximately 40 percent of pre-retirement earnings. To enjoy a comfortable

### » Agency lays out five steps to financial security

retirement, most people will also need income from other sources — like pensions, savings, and investments. Yet nearly a third of America's workers

have no money set aside specifically for retirement.

Throughout the month of April, groups and organizations will join Social Security across the country to help spread the word. The agency will be conducting social media outreach, including a Facebook Live Chat:

Social Security will participate in a Facebook Live Chat, hosted by USA.gov, on April 20, 2017, at 7pm ET. The public may ask questions via livestream about the "5 Steps toward Financial Security."

To participate, follow USA.gov and Social Security on Facebook. (PR)



*"Grief never ends... but it changes.  
It is a passage, not a place to stay.  
Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith...  
It is the price of love" — Author Unknown*

We would like to invite our family and friends to gather with us in prayer as we remember our dearly beloved Allie on the first anniversary of her eternal life.

Mass of Intention will begin this Sunday, April 16, at 9:00 a.m. followed by daily masses at 6:00 a.m. at the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa. The last day will be on Monday, April 24.

Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.

THE FAMILY



# Nation

## Trump declares US-Russia relations may be at ‘all-time low’

WASHINGTON (AP)—Laying bare deep and dangerous divisions on Syria and other issues, President Donald Trump declared Wednesday that U.S. relations with Russia “may be at an all-time low.” His top diplomat offered a similarly grim assessment from the other side of the globe after meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

“Right now we’re not getting along with Russia at all,” Trump said flatly during a White House news conference. It was stark evidence that the president is moving ever further from his campaign promises to establish better ties with Moscow.

Only weeks ago, it appeared that Trump, who praised Putin throughout the U.S. elec-

tion campaign, was poised for a potentially historic rapprochement with Russia. But any such expectations have crashed into reality amid the nasty back-and-forth over Syria and ongoing U.S. investigations into Russia’s alleged interference in America’s U.S. presidential election.

“It’d be a fantastic thing if we got along with Putin and if we got along with Russia,” Trump said. But he clearly wasn’t counting on it.

“That could happen, and it may not happen,” he said. “It may be just the opposite.”

Not long before Trump spoke in Washington, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson struck a similar tone after an almost two-hour meeting with Putin, saying the two countries had reached a “low point” in relations.

Trump, who last week ordered airstrikes on a Syrian air base in retaliation for a chemical weapons attack, was asked Wednesday if Syria could have launched the attack without Russia’s knowledge. Trump said it was “certainly possible” though “probably unlikely.”

The newly hardened view of Moscow comes as the president has tried to shake suspicions about the motives behind his campaign calls for warmer relations. As the FBI and multiple congressional committees investigate possible collusion between Russia and Trump’s campaign, the president and his aides can now point to his hard-line stance on Syrian President Bashar Assad as evidence he’s willing to stand up to Putin.

## U.S. support for Syrian strike rates low

Americans’ support for the military strikes against Syria last week is historically low compared with reactions to previous U.S. military actions.

### Approval ratings for U.S. military actions

Country/Region	Polling dates	% Approve
Syria	April 7-8, 2017	50
Iraq and Syria	Sep. 20-21, 2014	60
Libya	March 21, 2011	47
Iraq	March 20, 2003	76
Afghanistan	Oct. 7, 2001	90
Kosovo/The Balkans	April 30-May 2, 1999	51
Afghanistan and Sudan	Aug. 20, 1998	66
Haiti	Sep. 23-25, 1994	54
Somalia	June 18-21, 1993	65
Iraq	Jan. 13, 1993	83
Libya	April 17-18, 1986	71
Grenada	Oct. 26-27, 1983	53

Source: Gallup  
Graphic: Staff, TNS

## United to compensate people on flight when man dragged off

CHICAGO (AP)—United Airlines sought to quell the uproar over a man being dragged off a plane by announcing on Tuesday that it would no longer ask police to remove passengers from full flights and would compensate customers who were on the flight when the man was removed.

In an interview with ABC’s “Good Morning America” aired Wednesday, United parent company CEO Oscar Munoz said he felt “ashamed” watching video of the man being forced off the jet. He has promised to review the airline’s passenger-removal policy.

Munoz, who leads United’s parent company, apologized again to Kentucky physician David Dao, his family and the other passengers who witnessed him being taken off the flight.

“That is not who our fam-

ily at United is,” he said. “This will never happen again on a United flight. That’s my promise.”

In the future, law enforcement will not be involved in removing a “booked, paid, seated passenger,” Munoz said. “We can’t do that.”

In an effort to calm the backlash, United also announced that passengers on United Express Flight 3411 would be compensated equal to the cost of their tickets. United spokeswoman Megan McCarthy said Wednesday that the passengers can take the compensation in cash, travel credits or miles.

The flight was loaded and preparing to leave Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport on Sunday when the man was dragged off. Video shot by passengers showing the man’s bloodied face went viral on social media, prompt-

ing a storm of protest.

Also Wednesday, a Chicago alderman said representatives from United and the city’s Aviation Department have been summoned before a city council committee to answer questions about the confrontation at O’Hare Airport.

Alderman Mike Zalewski said he did not know who will represent the airline before the Aviation Committee, but Munoz has been notified of the hearing scheduled for Thursday.

Chicago Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans will also speak.

Munoz called the incident a “system failure” and said United would reassess its procedures for seeking volunteers to give up their seats when a flight is full. United was trying to find seats for four employees, meaning four passengers had to deplane.

# World

## Russia vetoes UN resolution to condemn Syria chemical attack

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Russia vetoed a U.N. resolution Wednesday that would have condemned the reported use of chemical weapons in a town in northern Syria and demanded a speedy investigation, triggering clashes between Moscow and the measure’s Western backers.

The vote on the Security Council resolution drafted by Britain, France and the United States was 10 in favor, Russia and Bolivia against, and China, Kazakhstan and Ethiopia abstaining.

It was the eighth veto by Russia, a close ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad, on a Western-backed Syria resolution and reflected the deep division that has left the U.N.’s most powerful body struggling to tackle the use of banned chemical weapons and to help end the six-year Syrian conflict. China has vetoed six resolutions.

Russia’s U.N. Ambassador Vladimir Safronkov told the council before the vote that a resolution was unnecessary, and the draft put forward by the Western powers pre-judged that the Syrian government was responsible for the April 4 attack on Khan

Sheikhoun in which nearly 90 people died.

Safronkov said Russia’s Foreign Minister asked U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson during talks earlier Wednesday in Moscow to jointly request the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons “to immediately put together an independent international mission” to visit Khan Sheikhoun and the air base that the U.S. attacked in retaliation. Tillerson is considering the request, he said, “and we expect that Washington will have a constructive reaction.”

Russia has criticized previous investigations carried out by the OPCW and the United Nations which blamed the Syrian government for at least three chemical weapons attacks without visiting the sites. Safronkov reiterated Wednesday that an investigation cannot be conducted remotely and experts must be drawn from a wide geographical basis.

The attack on Khan Sheikhoun is expected to be near the top of the agenda when the OPCW’s executive committee meets Thursday at the organization’s headquarters in The Hague, Netherlands.

Both the Syrian government and opposition have asked for an independent investigation. Safronkov said, “whereas the OPCW is doing nothing, for reasons unknown.”

Looking at the resolution’s supporters sitting around the horseshoe-shaped table in the Security Council, he said: “You are afraid of an impartial investigation” that the Syrian government was being blamed for chemical weapons attacks carried out by extremists.

After the vote, Britain’s U.N. Ambassador Matthew Hale told the council: “How could anyone look at the faces of lifeless children” and yet veto this resolution?

U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley told the council: “We want to work with Russia to advance a political process in Syria. We want Russia to use its influence over the Assad regime to stop the madness and the cruelty we see every day on the ground.”

“Today’s vote could have been a turning point,” she said. But “with its veto, Russia said no to accountability. ... Russia now has a lot to prove.”

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Xi stresses China’s N. Korea concerns in talk with Trump

BEIJING (AP)—Beijing is willing to work with Washington on ending North Korea’s nuclear weapons program but wants a peaceful solution to the escalating conflict, Chinese President Xi Jinping told President Donald Trump in a phone call Wednesday. Xi’s comments came after Trump tweeted that China should do more on an issue that Washington sees as an increasingly urgent threat, or else the U.S. would go it alone. China’s calls for calm come as tensions have risen with the dispatch of a U.S. aircraft carrier to the area and the deployment of thousands of U.S. and South Korean troops, tanks and other weaponry for their biggest-ever joint military exercises. During their phone call, Xi told Trump that China is willing to continue working with the U.S. on denuclearization, according to a brief description of the call released by the Chinese foreign

ministry. “China insists on realizing the denuclearization of the peninsula, insists on maintaining peace and stability on the peninsula, and advocates resolving the problem through peaceful means,” Xi was quoted as saying.

#### Taiwan bans sale, consumption of dog and cat meat

BEIJING (AP)—Taiwan’s legislature has explicitly banned the sale and consumption of dog and cat meat and increased the penalty for animal cruelty, underscoring growing awareness of animal welfare in one of Asia’s most prosperous societies. The legislature amended Taiwan’s animal protection law to double the maximum penalty for deliberate harm to animals to two years in prison and a fine of 2 million Taiwan dollars (\$65,000). People who sell or eat dog or cat meat face a fine of up to 250,000 Taiwan dollars (\$8,000) and their names and photos may be publicized. Drivers and motorcyclists who pull animals along on a leash also face a fine

of up to 15,000 Taiwan dollars (\$500), according to the amendments passed Tuesday.

#### China lashes out at India for arranging Dalai Lama visit

BEIJING (AP)—China lashed out at India for hosting the Dalai Lama near their disputed border, warning Wednesday that the Tibetan spiritual leader’s visit has touched on the political foundation of the Asian giants’ relationship. Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said bilateral ties will suffer after Indian officials hosted the 81-year-old monk last week in disputed territory and “indulged in provocative political statements.” The comments were the latest salvo in a weekslong war-of-words between the two nuclear-armed neighbors over the Dalai Lama’s visit, which has raised thorny territorial issues. Beijing considers the India-based Dalai Lama a dangerous separatist seeking Tibet’s independence and frequently objects when governments host him on his travels.



# Life & Style

## Review: 'Fate of the Furious' ups action, dials down story

By **SANDY COHEN**  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

"The Fast and the Furious" hasn't become a billion-dollar

global franchise because of its scintillating dialogue and high-minded drama. It's all about the cars, the action, the international settings and the

### Comedian Charlie Murphy, brother of Eddie, dies at 57

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Charlie Murphy, the older brother of Eddie Murphy and a comic performer in his own right who turned encounters with Rick James and Prince into standout sketches on "Chappelle's Show," has died. He was 57.

Murphy died Wednesday in New York of leukemia, according to his representative, Domenick Nati.

He was perhaps best-known for his appearances on Dave Chappelle's Comedy Central show. In the recurring segment "Charlie Murphy's True Hollywood Stories," Murphy would recount how his brother's fame brought him into the orbit of the biggest stars. His versions of the experiences, played out by him, Chappelle and others, became enduring hits.

In one sketch, James is shown as an impulsive big-mouth who keeps spouting, "I'm Rick James, (expletive)!" and trades punches with Murphy. In another, Prince is at first mocked for his frilly shirt but then shows his slick moves on the basketball court. The music legend then serves everyone pancakes.

"Who the (expletive) could make up" those events, Murphy asked at the end of the sketch.

He collaborated with writing his brother's starring films "Norbert" and "Vampire in Brooklyn." He voiced a role in the animated TV series that includes "The Boondocks" and also appeared in the comedy series "Black Jesus."

Fellow celebrities mourned his death.

Comedian Chris Rock tweeted, "We just lost one of the funniest most real brothers of all time." Former basketball great Magic Johnson tweeted that "I haven't seen anything as funny as Charlie Murphy & Dave Chappelle's skits on the Chappelle's Show!" and "Hamilton" playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda tweeted that Murphy's "storytelling was hilarious and unforgettable."

DL Hughley, who toured with Murphy and other comedians recently, tweeted: "After every gig, he rushed home to be with his kids. He died with gigs on the books."

Murphy's feature films include "Our Family Wedding," "King's Ransom" and "CB4."



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Kurt Russell, from left, Scott Eastwood and Dwayne Johnson in "The Fate of the Furious."

good-looking cast.

So don't give too much thought to the story holes and convoluted plot in "The Fate of the Furious," the eighth installment in the saga. If things don't add up or characters killed off in previous films suddenly re-emerge, just go with it, knowing that it's leading up to an epic final chase across a remote Russian ice field between sports cars, Humvees and a nuclear submarine.

Suspension of disbelief is required for these films. Remember in "Furious 7" when parachute-equipped cars fell from a cargo plane and the drivers were shown "steering" the airborne vehicles? Here, they speed across ice with unbelievable accuracy. One character even wakeboards through the tundra on a detached car door.

"F8" begins with Dom (Vin Diesel) and Letty (Michelle Rodriguez) honeymooning

in Havana. Charmed by the city's car culture, they're soon in a street race—a thrilling sequence with motorcycles swooping in to stop traffic as the drivers speed by. After finishing with his car on fire, Dom is approached by the mysterious Cipher (Charlize Theron), who blackmails him into betraying his colleagues and working for her.

Despite her ridiculous hairdo and having to utter such lines as "Your team's about to go up against the only thing they can't handle: You," Theron is a great villain. She anchors the story with her gravitas by making Cipher a convincingly capable and determined foe.

Meanwhile, Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) taps Dom and his ace driving team to help recover a missing electro-magnetic pulse weapon. The job brings them to Berlin, where Dom abandons his

crew and links up with Cipher.

Hobbs ends up in jail, practically cellmates with Deckard Shaw (Jason Statham), the villain from "Furious 7." They're set free by secret operative Mr. Nobody (Kurt Russell), who wants the adversaries to work together to find Cipher and Dom.

Joined by franchise stalwarts Roman (Tyrese Gibson) and Tej (Chris "Ludacris" Bridges), the crew heads to New York City, where some of the film's most spectacular car action is set. One scene shows hundreds of driverless cars coming to life at the hands of a hacker. Vehicles go flying out of showrooms and crashing onto the streets.

Directed by F. Gary Gray ("Straight Outta Compton"), "F8" delivers the same big scope and quick pace of the previous "Fast" films, though he cuts together the fight sequences so quickly they're hard to appreciate. The ac-

tion satisfies, even if the lines veer past campy into full-on cheese territory and the story is hazier than the smoke from a broken tailpipe.

The cast and the cars are what carry this franchise. Johnson is eminently likable, Gibson and Bridges provide comic relief and Rodriguez is full of heart. Statham shines during a sequence where he navigates a deadly gun battle while toting a baby in a bassinet—especially sweet considering the actor is about to become a first-time father. Helen Mirren makes a charming, if odd, cameo. And Scott Eastwood joins the ensemble as Little Nobody, a cute but unnecessary character likely put in place because two more "Fast" films are planned.

It's hard to imagine where "Fast" will go next. They've already incorporated all manner of motor vehicles, including a helicopter and a submarine. But the franchise has a proven formula, so long as they keep the tires screeching and the cast intact.

"The Fate of the Furious," a Universal Pictures release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "prolonged sequences of violence and destruction, suggestive content, and language." Running time: 160 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

### Mother can give away baby clothes or donate for tax break

**DEAR ABBY:** My friend recently had a baby and could really use my daughter's old clothes, as our girls are only a year apart and I have saved practically everything. But it will cost a considerable amount to ship several boxes, and I could use the extra money myself if I sold the clothes at a tag sale. Would I be cheap if I asked that when my friend is done with them, she donate the clothes to a charity and send me back the tax donation forms?

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**DEAR WANTS TO KNOW:** First, a gentle reminder that once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient. And yes, I believe you WOULD come across as cheap. Either give the clothes out of the goodness of your heart, knowing you will reap rewards beyond the financial—or donate them yourself.

**DEAR ABBY:** "Full of Feeling in Arizona" (Jan. 21) wrote about her husband lacking sympathy, and was worried he may not be there emotionally for her children in the event of her dying before he does. Your answer to her was to "outlive him," which had me rolling in laughter.

Perhaps another idea might be to write letters to her children NOW. A heartfelt letter taking family members through the loss of their mom (from their mom) or dad (from their mom who has already passed) may be very comforting to some. Or sev-

eral letters for different occasions could be a beautiful gift. Just a thought.

CHRISSY IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR CHRISSY:** Other readers suggested letter writing (and a personalized video message) as potential solutions to this problem. Read on for a sampling of other comments:

**DEAR ABBY:** Perhaps the mom should identify a relative or family friend to be aware of this issue and ready to step in and provide some support if needed. If the children and this person are alerted beforehand, they will know whom to turn to in case Mom predeceases her husband. Each child may wish to designate his or her own source of support, but the purpose of this exercise is to reassure the mother that her kids will not be alone.

MAURA IN OREGON

**DEAR ABBY:** This woman needs to know that it's OK for her husband to be hard-nosed about death. While he SHOULD be more sympathetic to the feelings of others, he wasn't raised that way. His way of handling it is to put up a wall. Some people don't have the same depth of feelings as others. Mine are much more matter-of-fact than my friends'. But I can appreciate that we all grieve in different ways.

DAVID IN MICHIGAN

### DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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**DEAR ABBY:** That woman's husband could have Asperger's syndrome, a type of high-functioning autism. These individuals, although accomplished and intelligent in many areas, have difficulty processing empathy. It makes them seem uncaring. This condition makes interaction between spouses extremely frustrating and difficult. It's worth considering.

AUDREY IN PENNSYLVANIA

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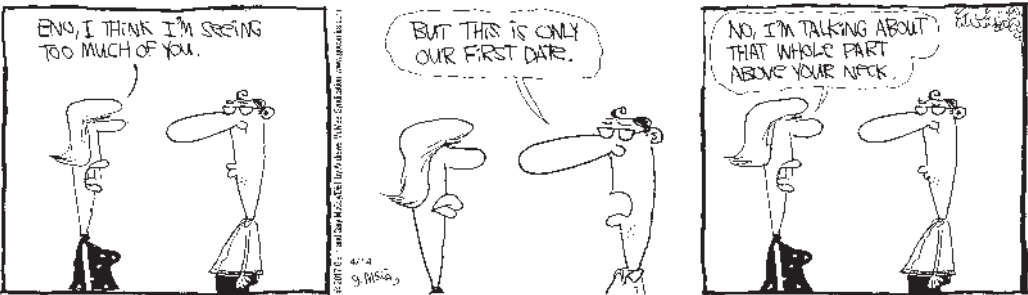
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Pulsate
- 6 Sort
- 9 Dadaist
- 12 Cheek enhancer
- 13 Ultramodernist
- 14 Mainlander's memento
- 15 Draw a conclusion
- 16 "Sea" that's really a lake
- 18 Ardent
- 20 — were (so to speak)
- 21 Luau bowlful
- 23 Still
- 24 Chic again
- 25 "Sad to say ..."
- 27 Kathmandu's land
- 29 "Raging Bull" star
- 31 Lent a hand
- 35 New Orleans stew

**DOWN**

- 37 Plane-related
- 38 Emulate
- 41 Clip— (some ties)
- 43 Joplin tune
- 44 — Major
- 45 eBay customers
- 47 Playwright
- 49 Quotidian
- 52 Mermaid's home
- 53 Josh
- 54 Tropical lizard
- 55 Shade tree
- 56 Roswell visitors
- 57 Mary Poppins, e.g.
- 19 Snake
- 21 Writer's block?
- 22 Flamenco cheer
- 24 "Norma —"
- 26 Cue
- 28 Fake
- 30 Same old
- 32 Fluffy cat
- 33 Notable time
- 34 Pooch
- 36 Leaps
- 38 Sign of life
- 39 Disney mermaid
- 40 Imam's faith
- 42 Auto style
- 45 Lure
- 46 Sitarist's music
- 48 White House nickname
- 50 Run after K
- 51 "Rah!"

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 4-14**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Abigail Breslin, 21; Sarah Michelle Gellar, 40; Adrien Brody, 44; Brad Garrett, 57.

**Happy Birthday:** Set the tone and plan your actions for a fun-filled year with plenty of excitement and adventure. Prepare to think standing up and ready to undertake whatever comes your way. There will be little time to think or negotiate, making this a year packed full of surprises as well as quick fixes. Stay on your toes and forge ahead. Your numbers are 3, 14, 25, 28, 36, 40, 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Keep moving regardless of the distractions you encounter. Stay focused on what's important and don't stop until you reach your endpoint. Show enthusiasm and you will sway others to think and do the same as you. Greater stability is achievable. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Decipher any hidden meanings behind information someone is revealing. Getting the message right will make a difference to the way you respond. If someone asks for help, make sure his or her needs are legitimate before you offer assistance. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Explore your inner feelings before you engage in a discussion with someone you share a work or personal space with. It's important to understand why you feel the way you do before pointing fingers or making accusations or assumptions. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Look at the size of a request before you agree to get involved. Taking on too much will result in falling short and looking bad. It's best to concentrate on what you feel you can offer successfully before making a commitment. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Do something that brings you joy, or get involved in activities or events that you can share with either a young person or someone who makes you feel young at heart. Concentrate on what you can do and you will make a difference. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Sensitive issues will surface at home and when dealing with personal relationships. Be careful how you respond and question anything that appears to be sketchy or deceitful. Honesty will be necessary if you want to avoid a tense environment.★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Set your goals, discuss your plans with someone you like to work alongside, and divvy up what needs to be done. The dedication and hard work you put in will pay high dividends. A celebration will encourage better relations with your peers. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** When it comes to domestic decisions, be honest about what you want to see happen. Stewing over a change that is happening will not suffice. Step up and offer suggestions that you feel will benefit everyone involved. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Honesty will be crucial when dealing with friends, family or your lover. Share your thoughts openly and be willing to make compromises when necessary. Meeting others halfway will ensure that you make progress and you don't damage your relationships. ★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Share something special with someone you love. You can make changes at home that will improve your lifestyle as well as your state of mind. Put greater emphasis on doing good work. Romance is encouraged. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Spend more time on yourself and your needs. Consider what you can do to improve your health and emotional well-being. Revamp your eating and exercise routine. Avoid getting into a debate with someone who will never see things your way. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Personal matters should take top priority. Express your feelings and make decisions that will affect your life. A day trip or romantic getaway will enhance your relationship with someone special and encourage positive lifestyle changes. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are progressive, intense and passionate. You are outspoken and unpredictable.

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**Last Friday's Answer**

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3	9	1	5	2	4	8	7	6
2	8	7	3	6	1	4	9	5
6	5	4	9	7	8	2	1	3
8	3	5	1	4	7	9	6	2
9	7	2	6	8	5	3	4	1
4	1	6	2	3	9	5	8	7

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# Cain ends drought in Giants' 6-2 win over Diamondbacks



**SAN FRANCISCO**  
(AP)—A f-

ter nearly five years, Matt Cain finally ended his April drought.

Cain allowed one run over five-plus innings in his first victory since last August, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 6-2 on Wednesday night for their first series win of the season.

It was far from a vintage performance by Cain, but considering the way the past few years have gone, the Giants and their former ace will take it.

"He just bowed his neck and went out there and pitched very well," San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy said. "That was just a huge outing for him and a good one to build on."

Cain had not won in April since 2012—a span of 19 starts—before beating the Diamondbacks for the 15th time in his career.

"I could tell that my stuff was moving good," Cain said. "Even in the first inning it was just a little off the plate and guys were being patient. I had to show those guys that I was going to be able to throw strikes and get them swinging a little bit."

## Cardinals 6, Nationals 1

In Washington, Mike Leake outpitched 2016 NL Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer, Stephen Piscotty homered and had five RBI, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Washington Nationals to avoid a three-game sweep.

Leake (1-1) gave up four hits, struck out seven and walked none over seven shut-out innings. The right-hander allowed hits to the first two batters, then picked off a runner before getting 19 straight



outs. The streak ended when Daniel Murphy singled with two outs in the seventh.

## White Sox 2, Indians 1

In Cleveland, Derek Holland held Cleveland hitless until the sixth inning and late fill-in Matt Davidson had a two-run single for Chicago.

Holland (1-1) gave up a leadoff double to Francisco Lindor in the sixth. The White Sox lefty struck out four, walked four and threw 101 pitches in six innings.

## Yankees 8, Rays 4

In New York, Jordan Montgomery showed power and poise in his major league

debut after allowing Rickie Weeks' two-run homer in the first inning, and New York rallied past sloppy Tampa Bay to get back to .500.

New York's Brett Gardner and Weeks both left the game after a collision at first base in the sixth inning. Both fell to the field as Chase Headley came home with the go-ahead run.

## Tigers 5, Twins 3

In Detroit, Andrew Romine hit his first career grand slam and Detroit rallied from an early three-run deficit to beat Minnesota.

The Tigers trailed 3-0 before scoring five runs in the fourth inning, with Romine

delivering the key blow.

Michael Fulmer (1-0) allowed three runs and four hits in six innings, striking out seven.

## Padres 6, Rockies 0

In Denver, Zach Lee and four relievers combined on a three-hitter, Ryan Schimpf homered as part of a four-run first inning and San Diego blanked Colorado.

Lee (1-0) earned his first major league win in his second career start. The other one came on July 25, 2015, with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

## Reds 9, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Reds rookie

Amir Garrett threw another gem, taking a shutout into the seventh inning and leading Cincinnati over Pittsburgh for a three-game sweep.

Garrett (2-0), the former St. John's basketball player, blanked the Pirates until David Freese hit a two-run homer.

## Mets 5, Phillies 4

In Philadelphia, Zack Wheeler earned his first win in 2 1/2 years, Michael Conforto hit a solo homer and New York held off Philadelphia to complete a three-game sweep.

Yoenis Cespedes and Asdrubal Cabrera each drove in two runs for the Mets. Wheeler (1-1) left with a shutout intact but was charged with three runs and four hits over 5 2/3 innings.

## Brewers 2, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, Chase Anderson and two relievers combined on a four-hitter, Jonathan Villar homered and Milwaukee handed Toronto its fifth straight loss.

The last-place Blue Jays are off to the worst start in team history at 1-7.

Anderson (1-0) allowed three hits in seven innings. He walked two and struck out seven.

## Braves 5, Marlins 4

In Miami, Ender Inciarte hit two home runs and Tyler Flowers had a go-ahead single in the ninth inning to help Atlanta break a five-game losing streak by rallying past Miami.

Giancarlo Stanton hit a pair

San Francisco Giants pitcher Matt Cain throws against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the second inning of a baseball game in San Francisco, Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

of two-run homers for the Marlins, his first of the year. Freddie Freeman hit his third homer for the Braves.

## Dodgers 2, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Brandon McCarthy pitched four-hit ball over six innings, Andrew Toles hit his first leadoff homer and Los Angeles blanked Chicago after the Cubs received their championship rings.

The Cubs put the finishing touches on a celebration that started when they beat Cleveland in Game 7 last November to win the World Series for the first time since 1908.

## Orioles 12, Red Sox 5

In Boston, Trey Mancini hit two of Baltimore's five home runs, all in the first three innings against Boston.

A night after the Red Sox put up eight runs, the Orioles returned the favor against knuckleballer Steven Wright by tagging him for six in a first inning that included back-to-back homers from Mancini and Jonathan Schoop. Adam Jones and Chris Davis each added a solo shot in the second.

## Athletics 8, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Andrew Triggs pitched six shutout innings, Jed Lowrie drove in three runs and Oakland defeated Kansas City.

Triggs (2-0) scattered four hits and a walk, striking out three. It was the former Royals farmhand's second solid start this season, having allowed one unearned run over 5 1/3 innings against the Angels.

## Rangers 8, Angels 3

In Anaheim, Joey Gallo hit a go-ahead, two-run triple in the fifth, and Texas prevented a third straight late-inning comeback by Los Angeles.

Mike Napoli, Elvis Andrus and Carlos Gomez homered for the Rangers, and A.J. Griffin (1-0) pitched six innings of four-hit ball to pick up his first victory in six starts dating to last September.

## Astros 10, Mariners 5

In Seattle, Jose Altuve hit three singles and drew two walks, helping Houston overcome an early five-run deficit against Seattle.

Four relievers combined for five scoreless innings after Astros starter Mike Fiers got knocked around. Tony Sipp, Brad Peacock (2-0), Luke Gregerson and Jandel Gustave allowed just three hits.

## 49ers Lynch on dealing No. 2 pick: 'We're open for business'



**SANTA CLARA, Calif.**  
(AP)—With just more than two weeks before

his first NFL draft as general manager of the San Francisco 49ers, John Lynch said there is interest from other teams about acquiring the No. 2 overall pick.

If the right offer comes, Lynch said Wednesday he'd be open to a trade.

"We're open for business," Lynch said. "We'd listen to anything. I've always said you don't like being 2-14, but you like having the second pick. I think it puts you in the driver's seat with a lot of options at your disposal and we'll explore every single one of them."

The Niners go into the draft with needs all over the roster as Lynch and first-year coach Kyle Shanahan look to rebuild an organization that has won just seven games the past two seasons.

If they keep the selection, they'll get their pick of the litter after Cleveland selects first overall. Texas A&M pass rusher Myles Garrett is considered by many experts to be the top prospect on the board but the quarterback-needy Browns could choose to go in that direction instead with North Carolina's Mitchell Trubisky a possible choice.

"There's a lot to like about him," Lynch said. "I also know that it's that time of year and what are we 15-16 days (out)? A lot can happen

in those days. I know it's fluid for us, the process. I'm sure it's fluid for them and everyone else. We're still putting the work in that room each and every day. We've got guys coming in and it's really a fun, stimulating time because there are a lot of balls in the air."

One major need for San Francisco is at cornerback. That became even more pressing after the team released starter Tramaine Brock last week after he was arrested and accused of hitting a woman he was dating.

Lynch said it was a difficult decision to cut Brock but that ultimately he and Shanahan decided it was best for the organization.

"Character is important to us, football character and I

think that's for a lot of reasons," Lynch said. "First of all, just the right thing. How you want to carry yourself as an individual and as an organization. But, Kyle and I also believe and some of our conversations that led to us coming together is that that's how you put together a great football team, too."

The 49ers could be down another cornerback as well as they will look at moving Jimmie Ward to safety. With Eric Reid expected to play strong safety, the Niners need to find a single-high safety to fill the role Earl Thomas has in Seattle in a defense similar to what coordinator Robert Saleh plans to run.

That plan hasn't changed even following Brock's release.





**CHICAGO (AP)**—Dwyane Wade is going back to the playoffs. The Miami Heat aren't going with him.

The field for the NBA postseason is set, with Wade and the Chicago Bulls claiming one of the last two available spots on the final night of the regular season. The other went to the Indiana Pacers, who downed the Atlanta Hawks.

The Bulls and Pacers winning eliminated the Heat, who finished 41-41 after beating Washington. Miami was 11-30 in the first half of the season, then 30-11 in the second half of the season.

And Wade, in his first season with the Bulls, is going to the playoffs for the 12th time.

"Now the fun begins," Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg said.

So now the matchups are set. Boston wrapped up the

No. 1 seed with a win over Milwaukee. The Celtics are the sixth different franchise to grab the No. 1 seed in the East in the past six seasons—Chicago did in 2012, followed by Miami, Indiana, Atlanta, Cleveland and now Boston.

The Celtics will meet the Bulls in Round 1.

Defending NBA champion Cleveland gets Indiana in the East first round, and they'll play the first game of the post-season Saturday afternoon. Cavaliers star LeBron James has played in 51 first-round games in his career—and his teams in Cleveland and Miami are 44-7 in those contests.

Only two of the eight first-round matchups were undecided going into Wednesday.

In the Western Conference, No. 1 Golden State will open against No. 8 Portland, No. 2 San Antonio faces No. 7 Memphis, No. 3 Houston gets No. 6 Oklahoma City and the Los Angeles Clippers and

# Bulls, Pacers grab last 2 spots in playoffs

Utah Jazz will meet in the last quarterfinal.

Home-court for the Clippers-Jazz series was the last remaining unknown part of the playoff schedule—and it went to the Clippers, who pulled away in the second half to beat Sacramento and lock up No. 4.

In the East, two series were determined before the final night. No. 3 Toronto will play No. 6 Milwaukee, and No. 4 Washington will meet No. 5 Atlanta.

## Celtics 112, Bucks 94

In Boston, Gerald Green scored 18 points, 10 of them in a 25-2 fourth-quarter run, and the Boston Celtics beat the resting Milwaukee Bucks to claim the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The Celtics were assured of home-court advantage through the conference finals when Cleveland lost to Toronto minutes before the game ended.

## Raptors 98, Cavaliers 83

In Cleveland, Jonas Valanciunas made his first career 3-pointer and the Toronto Raptors closed the regular season with a win over the Cavaliers, who didn't play their "Big 3" All-Stars so they're playoff ready.

Norman Powell scored 25 points as the Raptors beat the Cavs for the first time in four tries this season and gave the defending champions something to think about if they meet in the postseason. Cleveland took Toronto down in six games in last year's Eastern Conference finals.

## Bulls 112, Nets 73

In Chicago, Jimmy Butler scored 25 points, and the Bulls beat the depleted Nets in the regular-season finale to clinch an Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Paul Zipser added a career-high 21 points off the bench as



Chicago took advantage of a short-handed Brooklyn lineup to secure its first playoff appearance under coach Fred Hoiberg.

## Heat 110, Wizards 102

In Miami, Goran Dragic scored 28 points, Hassan Whiteside added 24 points and 18 rebounds, and the Heat defeated the Wizards while being eliminated from the NBA playoffs.

Miami needed a win, and either a loss by Indiana or Chicago, to reach the postseason. But Indiana downed Atlanta to clinch the No. 7 seed, and Chicago topped Brooklyn to grab the No. 8 spot.

## Pacers 104, Hawks 86

In Indianapolis, Paul George finished with 32 points and 11 rebounds, Jeff Teague added 19 points and the Pacers clinched a playoff spot, beating Atlanta.

The Pacers completed the

regular season on a five-game winning streak to earn the Eastern Conference's No. 7 seed. They will face Cleveland in the opening round.

## Knicks 114, Sixers 113

In New York, Carmelo Anthony scored 17 points after deciding to play in what could be his final game with the Knicks, and New York beat the 76ers.

Anthony had missed the previous two games with a sore left knee and wasn't expected to play Wednesday, but told Jeff Hornacek he wanted to go. He played 23 minutes, sitting out the final quarter while a couple of "We want Melo! We want Melo!" chants broke out.

## Rockets 123, Timberwolves 118

In Houston, James Harden had his 22nd triple-double with 27 points, 10 rebounds and 12 assists to help the Rockets wrap up the regular season with a

AP  
Chicago Bulls guard Dwyane Wade (3) goes to the basket as Brooklyn Nets center Justin Hamilton (41) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Chicago, Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

victory over the Timberwolves.

The MVP contender became the first player in NBA history to finish the regular season with at least 2,000 points (2,356), 900 assists (907) and 600 rebounds (659).

## Mavericks 100, Grizzlies 93

In Memphis, Nicolas Brussino and Devin Harris each scored 15 points and the Mavericks snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Grizzlies.

The Mavericks won despite leaving starters Dirk Nowitzki, Harrison Barnes and Wesley Matthews at home.

## Nuggets 111, Thunder 105

In Oklahoma City, Russell Westbrook got an MVP endorsement from Oscar Robertson before the game. The Thunder guard only played the first half of Oklahoma City's loss to Denver.

Westbrook broke Robertson's single-season record for triple-doubles by getting his 42nd on Sunday against Denver.

He was on pace for another triple-double at halftime with eight assists, five points and five rebounds in 18 minutes before coach Billy Donovan decided to rest him for the second half.

## Magic 113, Pistons 109

In Orlando, Aaron Gordon had 32 points and 12 rebounds, Elfrid Payton scored 21 points and the Magic overcame a late-run by Detroit to win their

season-finale.

The Magic, who led by as many as 21 points in the first quarter, allowed the Pistons to surge ahead in the fourth quarter in a game matching two non-playoff teams.

## Jazz 101, Spurs 97

In Salt Lake City, Gordon Hayward scored 14 and the Utah Jazz held on for a 101-97 win over the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday night.

Utah will face the Clippers in the opening round of the playoffs. Los Angeles earned the four-seed and has homecourt.

## Clippers 115, Kings 95

In Los Angeles, DeAndre Jordan had 18 points and 17 rebounds, and the Clippers defeated the Kings to clinch the No. 4 seed in the West and home-court advantage in the playoffs.

The Clippers and Utah Jazz will meet in the first round starting this weekend. The teams finished with similar 51-31 records.

## Warriors 109, Lakers 94

In Oakland, Kevin Durant had 29 points, eight rebounds and five assists in his final playoff tuneup, and the Warriors beat the Lakers in both teams' final regular-season game.

Stephen Curry added 20 points, eight assists and five rebounds for the playoff-bound, top-seeded Warriors (67-15).

## Pelicans 103, Trail Blazers 100

In Portland, Jordan Crawford had 15 points and the Pelicans snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over the playoff-bound Trail Blazers.

Cheick Diallo had 12 points and 16 rebounds for the Pelicans, who finished 34-48 and out of the playoffs for the second straight season.



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# Ronaldo landmark as Madrid victory ends Bayern record run

**MUNICH (AP)**—Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice for Real Madrid to beat Bayern Munich 2-1 in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal on Wednesday, ending the German side's tournament record of 16 straight wins at home.

Ronaldo's second-half goals saw him become the first player to score 100 goals in European club competition. The Portuguese star ensured Madrid came from behind—after Arturo Vidal's 25th-minute header for Bayern—to put the defending champions on course to reach the semifinals for a seventh successive year. The second leg takes place in Madrid on Tuesday.

"We are still alive," said Bayern coach Carlo Ancelotti after losing to his former side.

Also Wednesday, Antoine Griezmann converted a first-half penalty for Atletico Madrid to beat Leicester 1-0 at home, and Borussia Dortmund lost 3-2 at home to Monaco in the quarterfinal that was rescheduled from Tuesday, when three explosions targeted the German team's bus.

Bayern was without club top-scorer Robert Lewandowski after he failed to recover from a knock to his right shoulder. But it had not been beaten at home in the competition since April 2014, when it lost 4-0 to Ancelotti's Madrid in the semifinals. Madrid went on to win the title.

Ancelotti's successor at Madrid, Zinedine Zidane, is



AP  
Munich's Juan Bernat, left, and Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo, right, challenge for the ball during their Champions League quarterfinal first leg soccer match in Munich, Germany, Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

bidding to become the first coach to lead a side to back-to-back titles in the Champions League era.

"We suffered here but all-in-all it's not easy to play here. They have a great team and great players," Zidane said. "We needed patience to decide the match. I think it's a good result for us. The key was patience."

Bayern forced several corners early on and the sixth finally paid off when Vidal headed home through Keylor Navas' fingers.

Madrid displayed none of the initiative shown by Bayern in the first half. While Arjen Robben, Franck Ribery, David

Alaba and Thiago Alcantara were running and forcing the game, the visitors appeared static, waiting for chances to present themselves. They weren't forthcoming.

Bayern should have been 2-0 up at the break, but Vidal sent his penalty well over the bar after Dani Carvajal was adjudged to have handled the ball. The Madrid defender was booked though TV replays showed Ribery's shot had hit his upper body.

"It happens in football. It's not the first time and it won't

be the last," Ancelotti said of the missed penalty, calling it one of the "small details" which decided the game.

Ronaldo scored two minutes after the break with one touch to Carvajal's cross.

It ensured Madrid extended its Spanish record of scoring in 53 consecutive games.

Zidane had evidently made good use of the interval as Madrid appeared a different side in the second half. Bayern was dealt a blow with a half-hour to play when Javi Martinez was sent off with two yellow cards

within three minutes for fouls on Ronaldo.

"The sending off was the turning point," Bayern captain Philipp Lahm said.

But Madrid had already forced the home side back. Navas had little to do and Manuel Neuer was by far the busier keeper.

"Their goalkeeper saved lots of chances. A lot," Zidane said of Germany's top keeper.

Marco Asensio's introduction for Gareth Bale also invigorated the visitors.

Neuer denied Karim Benzema, then Ronaldo from point blank, but he couldn't stop the ball from squirming between his legs from Ronaldo's shot after Asensio crossed in the 77th to give Madrid the clear advantage.

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the entire first half and until the first few minutes of the second.

Lee then hit the equalizer in the 48th minute, while Kim knocked in the go-ahead in the 67th to lift MP United to the important win.

With the victory, MP United now has a 7-0-0 win-draw-loss record in the five-team field. The defending spring champion has one more game left in the double-round robin

regular season and would only need a draw against TanHoldings (6-0-1) next Saturday to clinch the division championship. A loss will put MP United in a tie with TanHoldings for first place and the winner of the boys U17 crown will be decided by a playoff game.

In the other boys U17 match last Saturday, Kanoa and Paire engaged in a draw, 1-1.

Paire forced the standoff, thanks to Dai Podziewski's goal four minutes before the 80-minute match wrapped up.

Neither team scored in the first half while Andruw Omelau broke the ice seven minutes into the final frame to give Kanoa the shaky lead.

With the draw, Kanoa kept the No. 3 spot in the team standings with its 2-2-4 slate, while Paire is still at the cellar and has yet to win a single game with its one draw and six defeats. Matansa is just slightly ahead of Paire with its 1-1-5 mark.

Meanwhile, despite failing to score in their victory over Matansa, MP United's Sun-

joon Tenorio is still ahead in the Golden Boot race with his 11 goals. TanHoldings Mark Esalan is in second place with six, while Tenorio's teammate James Kim is ranked third with his four goals.

In the team tally, MP United has the most goals so far with 29 and has yielded the least (two). TanHoldings also had a 20-plus output with its 21 and has allowed six, while Matansa and Kanoa have seven apiece, and Paire has scored only three so far.

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Dickinson helped the Falcons neutralize the Enforcers as he pitched in the first four innings before getting a breather from Jester Kintaro, who worked the mound for the back-to-back pennant champions until the last inning.

Meanwhile, the Falcons and Enforcers dominated the batting race in their division with the latter's seven players and the former's six making it to the Top 15. The Blue Jays had only two players on the leaderboard.

The Enforcers' Tyrese Camacho had the best batting average at the cutoff date (April 2) with his .454 (15-for-33), while the Blue Jays' Dominic Yumul (.416/10-for-24), and the Falcons' Deleon Guerrero (.346/9-for-26) placed No. 2 and 3, respectively.

Others on the list (not in order) are the Falcons' Henry Aguon (.333), Ace Evangelista (.320), Dickinson (.318), Noel Cabrera (.315), and Kobe Lifofoi (.296), the Blue Jays' Awang Tudela (.333), and the Enforcers' Jose Camacho

(.333), Maratita (.333), Dennis Cabrera (.333), Larson Sibetang (.291), Shakobe Rangamar (.272), and Leo Salalila (.266). The batting leaders were based on 18 or more times at bat.

In the pitching race, Tyrese Camacho is also ahead of the pack as he allowed only two runs in 24 innings pitched for a 0.56 ERA. Rangamar is in second place with his 1.00 ERA (two runs allowed in 28 innings) and was followed by the Blue Jays' Sho Taguchi (1.10 ERA/3 runs/19 innings), Kintaro (1.31 ERA/3 runs/15.2 innings), and Noel Cabrera (1.75

ERA/5 runs/19.2 innings).

Taguchi and Rangamar are tied in the most doubles scored with three apiece, while the latter is also in a deadlock with Tyrese Camacho in RBIs with eight each. In the triples, Rangamar is alone on top with two, while Tyrese Camacho leads in runs with 11. The Enforcers pitcher is also ranked No. 1 in strikeouts with 37, just ahead by three against Rangamar. In the home run category, only the Falcons' Kimo Angailen and the Blue Jays' Trion Suplap have rounded the bases.

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TKO in Trench Warz 10: Collision.

For the title fight in next month's event that will be held at the parking lot of the Marianas Business Plaza, it will be another CNMI vs Guam duel, as Derick "El Peligro" Rangamar of Marianas Elite challenges defending champion Rob "The Real Deal" Wusstig of Steel Athletics.

Wusstig hopes to keep the lightweight crown that he defended against Trench Tech's Stanley Iakopo when he won via rear-naked choke at the 4:22 mark of Round 1 of the main event bout in Trench Warz 20: Full Throttle in December last year. The Guam fighter.

Besides the three highly-anticipated duels, ROP 21: Throwdown will also have 13 other MMA bouts and one kickboxing match—making Trench Tech's first event of the year one of the longest fight

cards here.

Mark "The Dark Nuique" and Peter Rodriguez will collide in the lone kickboxing bout in ROP 21, while the other supporting MMA fights are as follows: Shane Moore vs Vince Acfalle; Andres Camacho vs Kyle Gumataotao; Garrard Quichocho vs Brendon Manglona; John Mendiola vs Austin John King; Austin Petrus vs Patrick Ungcangco; Nick Cruz vs Jerome Fujihira; Joey Boy Crisostomo vs Vince Torres; K.J. Villagomez vs Juan Lizama; LD Ogo vs Torsten Rosser; Sang Hyun Park vs Seay Camacho; Matquipuha Maratita vs Phil David; and Ray Duenas vs Jones Langu.

Also set to see action in one of the MMA bouts in ROP 21 is Kier Agda and Trench Tech is still looking for his opponent in the 160lb catch weight. The organizers also listed standby fighters—Dan Cruz, Deshaun Blas, Chris Redina, and Perry Aldan. All fights are subject to changes.



# 2017 NMIFA Youth League Spring Festival

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An MP United FC player, third left, and two from Kanoa FC chase the ball during their co-ed U8 division game in the 2017 NMIFA Youth League Spring Festival held last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.



A TanHoldings player, left, beats an MP United player to the ball during the co-ed U10 match.



An MP United player, left, tries to catch up with two Kanoa FC members.



Paire FC players play off the field while waiting for their game.



A Southern United FC player practices his kicking skills before seeing action in the co-ed U12 match.



MP United and Kanoa players collide as both kick the ball.



Coaches and players watch the U8 game at Pitch 1.



Cain ends drought in Giants' 6-2 win over Diamondbacks

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## Falcons take Senior League pennant



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The Falcons secured the pennant in the Senior League division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball after nipping the Enforcers, 2-1, last Sunday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Falcons now hold a 7-2 record and though they still have three games left in the regular season, they are locked at the top spot as the second-running Enforcers dropped to a 6-5 card after the loss.

Tindin Deleon Guerrero had an RBI and also scored one run in their crucial victory against the Enforcers. Deleon

Guerrero's single at the bottom of the second inning brought Spencer Dickinson home. Earlier, Dickinson blasted a triple to move to scoring position. Deleon Guerrero batted next and after his single he stole second and third before reaching home off a passed ball.



The Falcons, who are also the division's defending champions, went on to keep the lead in the low-scoring game, as the Enforcers only made it home once, courtesy of Pedro Maratita's run at the top of the fourth inning.

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## Trench Tech to open season in style



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Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fital, seen here unleashing a kick on Australia's Benjamin Sosoli during their heavyweight bout in PXC 56 held last month at the University of Guam Calvo Field House, will see action in the Rites of Passage 21: Throwdown on May 26.

## MP United closes in on division crown



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The boys U17 division championship is within MP United Football Club's reach after it beat Matansa FC, 2-1, in their game in the NMIFA Youth Spring League last Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Oliver Lee and Edwin Kim delivered the goals for MP United, while David Mafnas made the lone shot for Matansa. Mafnas found the back of the net in the 25th minute to put his team on top and Matansa went on to remain in the driver's seat in

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A MP United FC player, second left, tries to get away from a Kanoa FC defender during their boys U17 game in the first round of the NMIFA youth league at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

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Trench Tech's first offering for 2017 is sure worth the long wait, as Rites of Passage 21: Throwdown will feature two MMA stars in the Marianas, a title fight, and an extended list of supporting bouts.

Frank "The Crank" Camacho will see action in the main event of the May 26 competition against Extreme Combat Korea's Gun Han Park and hopes for a fitting follow-up on his TKO win over the latter's compatriot Hyun Joo Kim in ROP 20: Conquer in August last year.

Preceding the Camacho-Park lightweight clash is the

heavyweight battle between the CNMI's own Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fital and GuamFightClub's Pete "Big Mac" Miyasaki. The fitter and faster Fital will go for win No. 2 this year after prevailing against Australia's Benjamin Sosoli via unanimous decision in their heavyweight bout in PXC 56 held last month at the University of Guam Calvo Field House.

ROP 21: Throwdown will also Fital's return to Trench Tech's event after a seven-year absence. The 33-year-old fight last fought in a Trench Tech-organized competition in 2009 when he defeated Guam's Manny Chong via

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